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## PREPARE FOR POTHOLE PROTESTS, NEW COUNCILLORS TOLD



Philip Atkins - 'listened'

NEW councillors have been warned that they will face a large number of questions regarding potholes over the coming years as a council leader declared it is Staffordshire's 'number

declared it is Staffordshire's 'number one' problem.

Staffordshire County Council's leader Philip Atkins will welcome newly elected councillors at a meeting today (Thursday). However, they will be told that the issue of road maintenance will take up a large amount of their time.

Recent figures show that Staffordshire County Council paid out £347,389.60 between 2012 and 2016 to drivers whose vehicles were damaged.

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because of the pothole problem plaguing the county's roads.

The figures also reveal the most

The lightes also reveal the most troublesome roads around the county, including junction 11 of the M6, En-ville Common Road in South Stafford-shire, Keepers Lane in Cosdall and Burnhill Green Road near Patting-

The single highest payout for a driver came in 2014 when one motor-ist received £4,621.65 after his car was damaged by a pothole at the junction of Somerset Road and Kent Road in Stafford.

A report detailing what Councillor Atkins will tell the new councillors

says: "For those new to the council, despite most of our funding being spent on vulnerable children and adults, you will soon discover that the number one item people raise with their local coun-

cillor is potholes.

"We have listened to what local people have been saying, and this month we have announced a further £5 mil-

we have almothed a turner 13 million of council funding to invest in our roads over the next 12 months.

"Good roads are important to the council, to residents and to businesses and we have reached a point that without this feedle interest that the without this fresh investment the condition of our roads would deteriorate costing more in the long-run to repair.

This investment won't make Staffordshire a pothole-free county, but it will
help us get on the front foot by helping
to clear the backlog and carrying out
wider hotspot patching in areas where
there are a number of defects.
"We have increased crews and invested in technology in the form of
large-scale velocity patchers and I
hope I can count on your support to
share this news with residents when
crews are in your area." In total, 3,985
successful and unsuccessful compensation claims due to potholes were
submitted to Staffordshire County
Council between 2012 and 2016.

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#### **TRIBUTES**

## **Town group chief** Carol dies, aged 45

TRIBUTES have been paid to Carol Fittes, the chairwoman of Hednes-ford in Partnership (HiP) who has died, aged 45. She died on Sunday after 'valiantly' fighting a battle with cancer.
HiP said: "Carol was so passionate about

**Carol Fittes** 

her home town, and was the initial driving force, that ensured the success of HiP.

"She was totally committed to getting the best for Hednesford, and her dedication, positive outlook and enthusiasm will be greatly missed."

## 7/7 bombings hero condemns Manchester attack

# TOGETHER W IN STRONG

"AS a country we will stay strong together " - those are the words of 7/7 bombings hero Paul Dadge after a new terror attack rocked Britain.

Mr Dadge became one of the iconic images of the 2005 London bombings when he was pictured guiding a victim away from Edgware Road underground station. The 40-year-old, who is standing as the Labour candidate for Cannock Chase in the General Election, condemned the

Etrrorist who targeted a concert in Manchester packed with children.

But he said the selfless reactions from taxi drivers, residents and emergency services showed the terrorists would not win. His comments came on the day Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn was due to wist Cannock as part of his campaigning.

Party leader Jeremy Corbyn was due to visit Cannock as part of his campaigning in the run-up to the General Election.

Mr Dadge, a father-of-two from Norton Canes, saic. "Having been involved in the aftermath of the attack 12 years ago, I have an understanding of the pain and heartache for people involved in an attack such as this – as well as the loss that's suffered by families who have lost loved ones, particularly children.

#### Innocent

"Innocent
"I said on July 8 in London that terrorism and the loss of innocent lives will never
forward anybody's agenda. As a country,
we will stay strong together. We've already
seen the true greatness of this country
with the help given by taxi drivers, people
opening up their homes, hotels gathering
kids up together to make sure they're safe.
"I want to condemn anybody who believes in killing innocent children, families
or partners of people who are out enjoying
their evening."
Mr Corbyn's visit to Cannock on Tues-

Mr Corbyn's visit to Cannock on Tues-day was cancelled, and election campaign-

ing by all of the parties suspended, with the Labour leader saying he was 'horrified by the horrendous events in Manchester'.

He said: "The whole country will grieve for the people who have lost their lives. I have spoken with Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Manchester, who has fully briefed me on the operational response in the city." Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis also expressed his horror at the attack. He emphasised the need for communities to stand together and for everyday life to carry on as normal, while

reveryday life to carry on as normal, while highlighting the need for vigilance. "Communities across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent must remain vigilant and it is vital that all of us, no matter how hard it might be, support our police and security services with information." Mr Ellis said.

services with information," Mr Ellis said.
Following the attack, all flags on Staffordshire County Council buildings were flown
at half-mast. Council leader Philip Atkins
said: "All our thoughts and prayers are
with the victims and the families of those
who have been affected at this most difficult
of times."

We wept for them - Page 5



Scene of terror - young concert-goers at Manchester Arena after Monday's atrocity

#### **PLANNING**

## Jobs on the way as hotel opening nears

JOBS will be on offer over the coming weeks as a hotel's official opening draws nearer.

The lodge development by Marston's Inns and Taverns at the Spread Eagle at Galley is on track for opening in July, bosses say.

Over the next few weeks, managers Benjamin Miner and Jennifer Ling will be looking to find an additional 15 members of staff in front-of-house or receptionist roles, as well as cleaners. receptionist roles, as well as cleaners, sales and service staff and manage-

#### **HOMES**

## **Council defends** green belt policy

CANNOCK Chase Council has responded

CANNOCK Chase Council has responded to criticism of its policy on housing targets and their effect on the green belt.

Bosses say the figures are 'rigorously examined' by an independent inspector.

Michael Tichford, head of economic development at the council, said: "Green belt is subject to very high levels of protection, and boundaries can only be changed via a Local Plan process where 'exceptional circumstances' can be shown to exist."

It comes after the council was accused by the Campaign to Protect Rural England of failing to protect the countryside.

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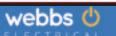
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## Nunes officers' names remain secret



The report said detectives went dricking with key witnesses, that two officers were having an affair while on duties, as well as allegations overtime expenses were being abused and there was in-fighting in the unit. But the force 'redacted' the officers'

names from the 73-page document, known as the Costello Report.

The file was never disclosed to the judge,

jury or barristers at the original murder trial in 2007 and led to the murder convic-tions of five men jailed for life being over-turned on appeal in 2012. The E&S challenged the move to block publication of the names and other details.

The Information Commissioner has ruled the force was correct not to identify officers because it could cause them 'distress' but Samantha Bracegirdle, a senior case officer within the Information Commissioner's Office, said the force had 'incorrectly' redacted

a paragraph that recommended protected witness handlers should not drink alcohol while on duties with witnesses. Ms Brace-girdle said: "The commissioner concludes it would be unfair to the data subjects [the officers and witnesses] to disclose the requested information, and would therefore breach the first data protection principle."

Kevin Nunes, 20, from Wolverhampton,

Kevin Nunes, 20, from Wolverhampton, was killed in a gangland drugs turf war. His body was found in a lane in Pattingham in 2002. He was a promising footballer at Staf-ford Rangers and had been on the books of Tottenham Hotspur. Fourteen officers were investigated as part of a corruption inquiry

## Suspended chief still picking up his full pay

A COUNCIL chief is still suspended from duty on full pay five months on.

Jamie MacDonald, head of strategic property at Staffordshire County Council, has been paid £30,000 since December despite being suspended from the authority since then.

Labour councillors have demanded that the council tells residents what is going on and said five months is 'more than long enough' to reach a decision on Mr MacDonald's future.

Staffordshire County Council continues to refuse to comment on the reasons for Mr MacDonald's suspension, stating that 'proper processes must be followed'.

Charlotte Atkins, a spokeswoman for the Labour group on the county council, said: 'Certainly the public deserve to know what is going on but so does the employee. It is not good for him not knowing where he stands after such a long time knowing where he stands after such a long time.

"I suppose what has happened that with the election it has stalled." Labour councillor Alan Dudson said: "Five months is more than long enough to reach a decision on this.

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Ian Parry, the council's deputy leader and cabinet member for finance and corporate matters, said: "We are conscious that time is passing and everyone is keen to see a resolution. However, proper processes must be followed in the interests of feirness." of fairness

of farness.

Mr MacDonald, who earns £72,297 a year, was suspended on December 29 on full pay pending an investigation. He has been with the council since 2008.

## Water ride girl 'hit by a boat'

THE schoolgirl killed in the Drayton Manor theme park tragedy died after a boat hit her as she tried to get out of the water, it has been claimed.

Sources close to the investigation into Evha Jannath's death have reportedly dismissed earlier claims that the pupil,

dismissed earner claims that the pupil, from Jameah Girls Academy in Leicester, drowned in up to 5ft of water after falling out of the boat.

Reports said the depth of water is believed to be little over one and a half

foot.

Results of Evha's post mortem were published last week after the coroner released her body back to her family.

The South Staffordshire Coroner's ofice said the cause of death was 'blunt force chest trauma', adding that an inquest into her death would open shortly.

## TV psychic Sally heads to theatre

SALLY Morgan is appearing in Cannock next month with her show 'Call Me Psychic'. The show on June 8 at the Prince of Wales Theatre marks the psychic's eighth year on the road. She has appeared on TV with such programmes as ITV2 show Sally Morgan: Star Psychic.

# £90k spend on fire and police merger experts

on consultants to produce financial plans for the merger of Staffordshire Police and the county's fire service.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has signed off a move to award a contract to Prederi to develop

award a contract to Prederi to develop a business case.

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has consistently opposed the idea of any merger claiming it would undermine trust in fire-fighters but Mr Ellis has defended the move saying it would save more than £5 million a year to be reinvested in frontline services.

A total of 35 companies expressed an interest in obtaining the contract for the

A total of 35 companies expressed an interest in obtaining the contract for the business case, five of whom submitted tenders before a stipulated deadline of March 17. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) stated the five applications were assessed on criteria giving 80 per cent weight to the 'Quality' of the bid and 20 per cent to the 'Price' of the contract. Bosses admitted the application put forward by Prederi was not the cheapest on the table.

#### Realistic

A document signing off the deal states A document signing on the deal sales. "The evaluation team were impressed with the quality of the submissions received, and the differences between individual tenders were relatively small.

"The evaluation team considered that most tenderers had submitted realistic and feasible tenders."

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"However, the evaluation team believe that the successful tenderer's submission offered a marginally more advantageous, innovative and best value solution. The successful tender was submitted by Prederi Ltd. Although Prederi's cost was not the lowest offered, their combined scores for quality and price was the highest."

The cost for the project is £91,764. Documents state the business case will be put out to a public consultation, and feedback

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out to a puone consultation, and reedsack will be included in the final version which is submitted to the Government. Rich Williams, FBU chairman for Staf-fordshire, has previously said: "Such a move risks undermining public confidence in the accountability and governance of our emergency services."

Herd about these cute new arrivals?



One of the new additions, a reindeer calf, at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge near Rugeley

A REINDEER lodge has celebrated the safe arrival of new additions to

s neru. Blithbury Reindeer Lodge, near

Bitthoury Reindeer Lodge, near Rugeley, has welcomed 11 new ad-ditions as calving season arrived. One mother, Tia, gave birth to a male calf in the last week of April, which caught the lodge's experienced handlers by surprise.

This was closely followed by Honey, who gave birth on May 1.

Other expectant mothers have also given birth, and the lodge has announced six male and five female calves have all been safely delivered with no assistance required from

- with no assistance required from the experienced team. The team work hard to ensure all the calves are fed and cared for by their mothers during the crucial first few days and are constantly monitoring their progress.

Lodge officials said there may be

Because ours re manufacture

a few more arrivals but reindeer pregnancy is difficult to confirm.

A lodge spokesman said: "Spring is a very busy time in the reindeer year - their bodies go through lots of changes."

The herd, which is the largest working herd of reindeer in England, will grow further over the resert reneft.

There will be a 'come and meet the babies' event on June 10.

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FREDDY'S FASTFIT

## **NEWS** IN BRIEF 3

£60k counterfeit cigarettes seized

POLICE seized counterfeit cigarettes worth £60,000 from a van on the M6. A total of 257,600 illegal cigarettes vere seized when the vehicle was stopped by officers from the Central

stopped by officers from the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG) between junctions 15 and 16 on Friday. The van was seized under CMPG's Operation Trivium – a nationwide crackdown on overseas crooks. Tweeting about the incident, @CMPG said: "#optrivium M6 in @StaffsPolice area. 257,600 counterfeit cigarettes seized. Valued by @HMRCgovuk as retailing at around £60,000."

## 263 checks made on custody cells

INDEPENDENT Custody Visitors (ICVs) have made 263 unannounced visits to custody sites and visited 566 detainees in Staffordshire in one year. The figures come from the 2016-17 ICV annual report which provides an overview of the work of the visitors. There are 44 ICVs in Staffordshire split between the Northern Area Panel, Southern Area Panel and the Trent Valley Panel. They work in pairs and can check police cells—where they are granted access to dewhere they are granted access to de-tainees – at any time of day or night to ensure custody rules are observ

# Wildlife group to

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust is holding a Summer Strawberries and Cream on the Lawn event at the Wolseley Centre on Friday, June 2 between midday and 3pm.

The event takes place instead of the trust's regular coffee morning, which will return on Friday, September 8.

Admission is £3 per person including the first hot drink and clotted cream fresh strawberry scone. People are encouraged to tabke their own seating. To book, call 01889 880100.

WHITTINGTON Players' next production is 'Death at the Shangri-La', a murder mystery by Roger Lee, in which the audience are the sleuths.

Mathew Butterworth.

Closed

Saturday 27th

& Bank Holiday Monday 29th

## **Family pay** tribute to beautiful Laura, 22

TRIBUTES have been paid to a woman who died after a battle with terminal cancer, aged 22.

Laura Perry was diagnosed with bowel cancer last year but after an operation and two lots of chemotherapy, she was told there was no more treatment available.

Her partner Ben Morris, 23, from Penkridge proposed last month and

Penkridge, proposed last month – and thousands of pounds was

raised to help pay for the dream wedding. Sadly, she died on May 12 at Compton Hospice

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12 at Compton Hospice
but the pair still had a
special ceremony there
beforehand.

Now, a celebration of Laura's life in
a spiritual ceremony at Stafford Crematorium and afterwards at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge, near Rugeley,
will take place on Tuesday.

In a tribute, her family said: "We
are deeply saddened by the loss of our
beautiful, gentle Laura. At the same
time we have been overwhelmed by
the generosity and support of the
many wonderful people that donated
to make Ben and Laura's wish come
true." Ben added that he would like
to say a huge thank you for all the donations and support and that some of
the money will be used to donate to
various cancer charities.

And a collection will be held at the
crematorium for donations.

Laura who want to Wolgarston.

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Laura, who went to Wolgarston High School in Penkridge, had a place to study geology at the University of Birmingham in September.

## **Blues and jazz** festival on way

THE countdown has begun for this year's Lichfield Blues and Jazz Festival which takes place in pubs and venues across the city.

Promising a mouth-watering variety of blues and jazz, performed by some of the best known and loved names on the national and regional music circuit, the festival runs from Friday June 2 to Sunday June 4.

Visitors can book an all-day stroller ticket for either day to dip in and out of venues and musical genres or just individual concerts.

For the full programme and tickets visit www.lichfield-jazz.co.uk. Tickets and programmes are also available from the Lichfield Arts Office, Donegal House, Bore St, Lichfield and there are details at info@lichfieldarts.

## Fun for all the family at park

THE Big Bounce returns to Hednes-ford Park next week.

The park will be taken over by huge inflatables and interactive games for children on Tuesday. Sessions are 11am to 1.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm.

10 complaints of rowdiness each day Chase with an average of 10 incidents a day.

Complaints logged as rowdy and inconsiderate

behaviour, neighbour disputes and drugs misuse in

particular rose during April.

In total, there were 300 ASB incidents in the month. The number has consistently increased

since December when there were 184 reports.

The last time the district topped 300 incidents

The last time the district topped 300 incidents was in July 2016 with 306.

Police have stated that Rugeley is baring the brunt of the problems with youths displaced because of the flood protection work. They have also pointed to the Easter school break as well as the odd

nearly doubled since December rising from 117 incidents in that month to 203 in April.

Meanwhile, neighbour disputes have been on the

rise since January increasing from 21 incidents to 43. Additionally the 12 cases of drugs and substance misuse in April was the most recorded in a single

misuse in April was the most recurred in a single month in the last two years.

Duncan Rollo, vulnerability hub and partnership manager at Cannock police station, said: "A significant number of rowdy and inconsiderate incidents occurred between 8 and 24 of April – the school break. This would account for the rise in ASB of this classification, I believe we experienced a similar substantial that the same time last way.

The issues are district wide, but Rugeley does seem to feature quite strongly, the closure of the Hagley fields while the Environment Agency carry out their flood work has displaced large groups of young people back into the town, leading to an increase in calls from businesses and residents.

"Our response to this has now created further dis-

placement with the majority of these young people appearing in Brereton and Ravenhill park.
"We have instigated Operation Athena. This is a multi-agency response built on engagement with police, specials, detached youth workers and PCSOs, the aim being to divert the young people to positive activities commissioned by Police and Crime Com-

# **Council hits back over** green belt homes claim

fended its policy on housing targets

fended its policy on housing targets and their effect on the green belt.

Bosses say the figures are 'rigorously examined' by an independent planning inspector after being set through the Local Plan. It comes after the council was accused of falling to protect the council was accused of falling to protect the countryside (Chronicle, May 18).

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) placed the council in the bottom 10 areas in the UK which have not reduced their housing targets, despite having large portions of protected countryside.

Michael Tichford, head of economic development at the council, said: "Cannock Chase Council's housing targets are set through the Local Plan and are rigorously examined by an independent planning inspector".

"Through this process, for the period 2006-2028, the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for Cannock Chase was 5800 homes.

"However, 500 of these will be delivered in Lichfield District, to the east of Rugeley.

#### **Enhance**

"This was agreed because the district is so heavily constrained by green belt, the Area of Outstanding Beauty and other environmental sensitivities, which means that Cannock Chase is actually delivering less housing than the Objectively Assessed Need identifies.

"Green belt is subject to very high levels of protection, and boundaries can only be changed via a Local Plan process where 'exceptional circumstances' can be shown to exist, and these would need to be subject again to rigorous and independent examination. The council's adopted Local Plan has a wide range of policies designed to protect and enhance the environment whilst still ensuring that it can deliver enough homes to meet peoples' needs.

"The council has recently consulted on its Local Plan Part 2, which looks at the details of where development should be located, to enable us deliver the housing requirement set out in Part 1. Officers are currently analysing the responses received, and there will be a further consultation on the Plan in autumn 2017 before it gets submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination."

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Anyone wishing to be added to the council's planning policy consultation database should email their details to planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk or write to Planning Policy, Cannock Chase Council. Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG.



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## Chippie flies the flag for county

A RUGELEY fish and chip shop has been rated as one of the best in the country.

The Jolly Fryer at Fernwood Shopping Parade has made it onto the list of Fry Magazine's 50 Best Fish & Chip Takeaways 2017. It is is the only one in Stafford-shire to make the list.

Andrew Partou, owner of the Jolly Fryer, said he was 'delighted' to be in the top 50. He said: "There are over 10,000 fish and chip takeaways throughout the UK.

"We are delighted to not only make the top 50 but proud to be the only takea-way in the whole of Stafford-shire to make the list.

"This is testament to our family business, which has been running for over 30 years, and recognition of the good quality products and

good quality products and great customer service we pride ourselves on."
Reece Head, Fry Magazine's competition organiser, said: "Running a fish and chip shop gets harder every year with so much going on behind the scenes, so to serve up excellent quality food with a matching level of service and ating level of service and at mosphere day-in day-out deserves to be recognised."

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the price of £10 per ticket.
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great night in the role of detectives,"
publicity officer Susan Evans said.
The show is being staged at Whittington Village Hall on June 16 and 17
at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased
from Kay no 10.1543 490355.

## Top police dogs retire

TWO police dogs credited with count-less positive drug raids, as well as hunting down many dangerous crim-inals, are set to be retired. Nico and Jax were this week having a final training session with Staffordshire Police handlers Richard Birkin and Mathew Butterworth







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## **Woman in 101** call to report cat

A WOMAN rang police to complain that a cat was meowing outside her front door. Now West Midlands Police has launched a campaign to encourage people to be responsible when they call the force.

On social media they are using the hashtag #ThinkBeforeYouCall to spread the message.

This week the force has shared examples of such calls. And police are reminding members of the public that these increase queuing time for those who have a more serious matter to

## Firms could save £27m on water

FIGURES released by Utilitywise have revealed that firms in the Mid-lands could collectively save as much as £27 million on their water bills.

This follows deregulation of the water market in England, giving business owners the chance to renegotiate their existing water contracts or look to a new supplier.

Around 164,000 businesses in the Midlands now have control over who supplies their water, giving the local water market a value of approximately £276m. The water market in England is now valued at £2bn.

## **Thousands prepare** to mark Ramadan

THOUSANDS of Muslims across the region are preparing for the religious festival, Ramadan with a month of prayer and fasting.

This year Ramadan starts on May 27 and will finish on June 24, both Saturdays.Following this, on June 25, Muslims will celebrate Eid al-Fitr

25, Mushins will celebrate End alrivation which is often known as just Eid.

This celebration, which is to be held on June 25, marks the end of the Ramadan fasting and the start of the next month, Shawwal.

## Sex abuse charities get £75,000 boost

A CHARITY that helps victims of sex-ual exploitation in the Black Country has received a £75,000 cash boost.

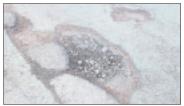
has received a £75,000 cash boost.
Walsall-based Street Teams has been donated the five-figure sum from Lloyds Bank Foundation, one of the country's leading grant makers.
It will help the charity's Transition Project, which helps support young adults at risk of exploitation, grooming and trafficking by providing one-to-one help in a range of practical issues including housing and benefits.

### **Teddy bear tales**

CLENT History Society holds its open meeting on May 25 when Dr Gillian White will be giving a talk on teddy bears, at 8pm in Clent Parish Hall, Church Avenue, Clent.

Dr White has been curator of the Warwickshire Museum and of the Na-tional Trust property, Hardwick Hall.

## **COUNTY NEWS** Readers drive home point over crumbling routes **March and**



The road surface in Buchanan Avenue, Walsall





Problems highlighted in Station Road, Wombourne

# Worst potholes on our roads revealed

WE knew the state of the roads in the Black Country and Staffordshire was bad – we just didn't realise how bad! When The Chronicle launched its campaign to

highlight the most pothole-ridden roads in our region in order that they should get priority for repairs, we were already aware of a few trouble

But we have been inundated with emails, re-

orts and pictures of some shocking holes endured by drivers on a daily basis.

Based on the number of reports and looking at the pictures readers have sent us, we have compiled a top 10 of what we believe are the worst roads for potholes in our area. The most compiled to the worst roads for potholes in our area. The most compiled to the worst roads for potholes in our area. The most compiled to the following the worst continues and in Stoff

roads for potholes in our area. The most com-plaints we received were regarding roads in Staf-fordshire taking six of the top ten spots. Hill Top at Hednesford was reported to us by a number of people and pictures showed a suc-cession of potholes all around these busy islands and the roads which approach it. Reader Paul Gill sent us one picture where fresh road markings had been painted over the potholes with a large dip in one line as it sank into a hole.

#### Reporting

Carlisle Road on the Longford Estate in Cannock, was flagged up by locals and a number of pictures submitted. Resident Sandra McLeod said: "The whole length of the road is riddled with bad potholes."

Five Ways Island in nearby Heath Hayes was

Five Ways Island in nearby Heath Hayes was flagged up as having 38 separate outstanding complaints about the state of the road surface. There were several complaints about the A449 along its length through Kingswinford. One reader, Jo Well, complained: "There is a strong possibility of an accident on this busy, fast road as drivers swerve to avoid them."

cident on this busy, fast road as drivers swerve to avoid them."

Many readers complained about the state of the A460 from the motorway island for junction 11 of the M6 heading into Cannock. Wombourne was flagged up by a number of readers as having crumbling roads, particularly around Station Road, while Pattingham was also highlighted.

In addition we received shocking pictures of small craters on roads in Stourbridge, Walsall and Walsh and the Road in Court Walsh.

Wolverhampton. Roads in Great Wyrley and Rugeley also featured regularly.

## Did your road make it in our worst potholes list? The Chronicle's Top 10:

Hill Top, Hednesford – works beginning

Carlisle Road, Longford Estate, Cannock - no date set

in August

Five Ways Island, Heath Hayes – works

beginning in July A449 through Kingswinford - 'added to future programme of work'

A460/M6 junction 11 island and surrounding area - repairs now carried

Station Road and surrounding area, Wombourne - no date set

High Street, Pattingham - no date set

Romsley Road, Stourbridge - 'action as soon as possible'

**Buchanan Avenue, Walsall – repaired** 

Wergs Hall Road, Wolverhampton - no

The Chronicle has taken the results to the relevant councils and there is good news for local people. A programme of work to resurface the roads and replace damaged kerbstones as part of a £240,000 investment is to take place at Hill Top with work due to get under way this August. Similarly, significant work is planned for the Five Ways

Island with a five-week project due to start in July.

And work has already taken place to repair some of the potholes and damage on the A460/M6 junction 11 island since the Chronicle readers initially flagged up the problems.

Staffordshire's highways chief Mark Deaville

said: "We have to prioritise pothole repairs where they pose the biggest risk to members of the public and are currently finalising our programme of re-



Hill Top, Hednesford, riddled with potholes



A copy of the E&S in a Wergs Hall Road pothole



Five Ways island in Heath Haye

pairs for the next 12 months to ensure it delivers the maximum benefits with the budget available." Alan Lunt, strategic director for place directorate at Dudley Council, said: "We have a robust system in place with inspection teams who identify road defects such as potholes, with the most severe cases highlighted for urgent attention. Clearly, we have to prioritise the most serious problems above others but we are working to deal with as many as we can."

can."

Walsall Council said: "We were aware of the repairs required at Buchanan Avenue and have undertaken pothole repairs with a Velocity Patcher.
We can confirm that there is no longer any significant dament aware and the said ing in the area." cant damage outstanding in the area."
Wolverhampton Council has not yet responded.

## rally over education cutbacks

A MARCH and rally will be held in Cannock on Saturday as a protest against cuts in education spending.

The march will start at St Mary's Primary School, in Hunter Road, and finish at the old bandstand in Cannock town centre. A spokesman for the organisers said everyone is welcome to attend, including people living in Rugeley, which is 'affected just as badly as Cannock schools'.

Speakers will include NAHT, NUT, and GMB representatives, and local candidates for the General Election will be invited to speak at the rally.

Marchers should gather at St Mary's Primary School at 10am for a 10.30am departure. People are urged to use town centre car parks due to the limited space in Hunter Road.

The decision to stage the protest was agreed at a meeting held in Cannock last week (Chronicle, May 18).

Among the issues highlighted by Rob Kelsall from the NAHT were increases in the cost of employers' contributions to National Insurance and pensions, and the abolition of the Education Services Grant to local

contributions to National Insurance and pensions, and the abolition of the Education Services Grant to local authorities and academies reducing funding for schools by £600 million. Gill Ogilvie, West Midlands organiser for the GMB, told the meeting how members of the union are being affected by the cuts, with redundancy notices already being issued.

Linda Goodwin, national executive member for the NUT, spoke about how the cuts are causing a narrow-

how the cuts are causing a narrow ing of the curriculum in schools and

## **Schoolboy forced** to ground by gang

A SCHOOLBOY was attacked and forced to the ground by a gang of youths in Great Wyrley before an

youths in Great Wyrley before an off-duty police officer intervened. The incident happened in Station Road at 4pm on Monday last week. Police community support officer Louise Jones said: "Around 4pm today some youths attempted to attack a schoolboy on his way home on Station Road in Great Wyrley. Some of the youths were known to him. "They managed to get him to the floor before an off-duty police officer intervened and the lad was brought to the police post in Cheslyn Hay. The lad was not injured."

Anyone who witnessed the incident,

Anyone who witnessed the incident, or has information on the attack, should call police on 101 quoting inci-dent reference 539 of May 15.

## Quiz to raise funds for new clubhouse

QUIZ buffs can test their knowledge

QUIZ buffs can test their knowledge in a general knowledge challenge at Cannock Cricket Club on June 3. Proceeds from the event at the Hatherton venue will go towards equipment and a new clubhouse. Entry is £4 a head for a team of four.

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## in changes to football club's base

A DECISION on plans to change the use of the home of a former Stafford-shire football club has been put back

Plans have been lodged to chang

Plans have been lodged to change the use of Wyrley Rangers Football Club in Long Lane for multiple uses.

Under the plans, it could be used as a place of worship, crèche, day nursery, training centre or exhibition space. The planning application went before a meeting of South Staffordshire Council last week, with officers having recommended approval.

But the application was deferred again due to ongoing negotiations over a Section 106 deal – the funding provided by the applicant for com-

again due to ongoing negotiations over a Section 106 deal – the funding provided by the applicant for community projects under conditions for approval.

The site had originally received interest from the Light and Life gipsy church, which prompted Essington Parish Councillor David Clifft to criticise the plans. He said concerns had been raised by people in the village over potential anti-social behaviour and traffic problems which could be associated with the church.

According to the owner of the site, Nadir Imamoglu, the church is no longer involved, and instead interest had been expressed by an Asian religious group, a Nigerian expats group and a sports training academy.

The site has been on the market for more than a year, and owner Nadir

more than a year, and owner Nadir Imamoglu is seeking to change the use of the former clubhouse.

The two football pitches will remain in use for local teams under the plans.

## **Veteran in chair 15th year running**

VILLAGE campaigner David Clifft has been re-elected as chairman of Essington Parish Council for the 15th year running.

year running.

The community veteran, who recently led the battle to stop freight glant DX from setting up a base in the village, was unopposed in the election, as he has been since 2002.

Councillor Clifft, who also sits on South Staffordshire Council, said:

"Parish councils are seen as small

South Staffordshire Council, said:
"Parish councils are seen as small fry but I think that the fight against DX sent out a message that you can win against the big boys.
"The satisfaction of being re-elected year on year doesn't fade for me, and the minute it does is the time to stand down." he added Councillor Mrs. down," he added. Councillor Mrs Mavis North has been re-elected as

## New timetable on the X55 bus route

A REVISED timetable has been intro-duced on the X55 bus service between

the discrete between Lichfield and Tamworth.

To find out more about Central Buses services and fares call Jack Grove on 0121 356 3487.

## Fresh delay Headache for drivers caught in A449 works



Southbound traffic on the A449

ing long delays along the A449 as six months of roadworks and overnight

months of roadworks and overnight closures continue.

The works, between the A449 Gai-ley Island and M54 junction two at Coven, started in January and are due to be completed at the end of next

The dual carriageway has been reduced to one lane in both directions while resurfacing, drainage repairs, kerb repairs and barrier installation takes place. Now, drivers have spoken of their

morning commute

morning commute.
Penkridge parish councillor Chloe
Greta, who is campaigning against
the £8.5 million West Midlands Interchange rail freight hub which could be
built on green belt land off the A449,
said: "The traffic along the A449 has
been horrendous.

said: "The traffic along the A449 has been horrendous.
"I am constantly having to divert through Brewood and Coven to get to work, which isn't good for their roads.
"It is hard to understand why things are coned off and yet there doesn't seem to be much going on.

paths when there are loads in Penk ridge and surrounding villages which

desperately need improvements."

Paula Jane Rusby, from Penkridge, said: "It's a nightmare.It's only going to get worse if the rail hub gets its

way."

The work was scheduled to take place in November but was delayed. Highways England service delivery manager Kunal Shah said: "All the work we're carrying out is essential maintenance which is on course to be completed by next month."

## **Quiz raises £320** for Christian work

QUIZ-GOERS have helped to boost

a community project which supports Christian projects in Southern Africa. The quiz, held at at Hawkins Sports & Social Club in Cheslyn Hay, raised

& Social Citto in Chesiyn Hay, raised more than £320. Link for Life was established in 2010 by churches in Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay and aims to raise aware-ness of developmental and social is-sues in Southern Africa. It works to bring together schools, churches and the wider community in support of Hands at Work in Africa, The Baby Bear Project and Mercy Air.

## Firm has new deal with Glenmorangie

CANNOCK'S Briggs Equipment is celebrating further success in the food and beverage sector after securing a repeat order with a world renowned Highland distillery.

Briggs has won a contract with The Glenmorangie Company. The firm's latest order was for six Hyster electric counterbalance forklift trucks, a ride on pallet truck and a seisson lift.

tric counterbasiance torkint trucks, a ride-on pallet truck and a scissor lift. Briggs is supplying all of the ma-chines on a five-year hire basis, includ-ing maintenance support, which will be provided by engineers based at its Cumbernauld depot.

## Amazon workers go 'back to school'

STAFF at Amazon in Rugeley went back to school to celebrate National Learning at Work Week. The latest recruits of the firm's ca-

The latest recruits of the firm's career choice programme pressed ahead with their studies.

The programme helps train fulfilment centre employees for in-demand jobs at Amazon and other companies.

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## Crime drama in line for two more series

LINE Of Duty has been commissioned for two further series, the BBC ha confirmed.

confirmed.

The popular crime drama – written by Jed Mercurio, who grew up in Cannock – drew 7.5 million viewers to the final episode of the fourth series last month – the highest figure in the programme's history.

While a fifth series was already on the cards a sixth has now been con-

the cards, a sixth has now been con firmed by the BBC's director genera Lord Hall

## **Holiday car boot sale**

A SPECIAL bank holiday market and A SPECIAL bank holiday market and car boot sale will be held on Monday. Around 100 stallholders will be pres-ent, selling goods including breads, cakes, olives, homemade pies, chut-neys and preserves. The event at Pen-kridge Market will run from 9am to 3pm. Admission and parking are free

# 10 complaints of rowdy behaviour every day

eted in Cannock Chase with an av-

erage of 10 incidents a day.

Complaints logged as rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, neighbour disputes and drugs misuse in particular rose during April.

In total, there were 300 ASB incidents in the

month. The number has consistently increased since December when there were 184 reports.

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The last time the district topped 300 incidents was in July 2016 with 306.

Police have stated that Rugeley is baring the brunt of the problems with youths displaced because of the flood protection work.

They have also pointed to the Easter school break as well as the odd spells of warm weather as being behind the spike. Reports of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour have nearly doubled since December rising from 117 incidents in that month to 203 in April. Meanwhile, neighbour disputes have been on the rise since January increasing from 21 incidents to 43.

Additionally the 12 cases of drugs and substance misuse in April was the most recorded in a single month in the last two years.

#### Closure

Duncan Rollo, vulnerability hub and part-nership manager at Cannock police station, said: "A significant number of rowdy and inconsiderate incidents occurred between 8 and

considerate incidents occurred between 8 and 24 of April – the school break.

"This would account for the rise in ASB of this classification, I believe we experienced a similar spike at the same time last year.

"The issues are district wide, but Rugeley

"The issues are district wide, but Rugeley does seem to feature quite strongly, the closure of the Hagley fields while the Environment Agency carry out their flood work has displaced large groups of young people back into the town, leading to an increase in calls from businesses and residents. Our response to this has now created further displacement with

this has now created further displacement with the majority of these young people appearing in Brereton and Ravenhill park.

"We have instigated Operation Athena. This is a multi-agency response built on engagement with police, specials, detached youth workers and PCSOs, the aim being to divert the young

people to positive activities commissioned by Police and Crime Commissioner funding." Regarding neighbour disputes, he said: "They traditionally rise as the weather begins to improve; outdoor living, open windows, increased calls about noise. We have a variety of options to address this difficult problem."

## Car show draws crowds despite rain



Doug Flynn shows off his 1972 VW Beetle in pristine condition at the Really Retro and Classic Car Show

A REPLICA of Starsky and Hutch's 1976 Ford Gran Torino, a retro Vaukhall Chevette rally car, and the instantly recognisable Volkswagen Beetle.

Volkswagen Beetle.

Cars of all shapes and sizes arrived at Seighford Airfield for the now annual Really Retro and Classic Car Show.

Despite heavy downpours, 300 cars arrived at the airstrip, with hundreds more people arriving to look at the vehicles. The event, in

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its third year, is open to cars from There was something for every the 1940s to 1990s

the 1940s to 1990s.

It is organised by enthusiasts group Midlands Car Shows, founded by Paul Jeffries.

"The weather may have been terrible, but it did not stop people coming here to show off their great cars," he said.

"We had some real classics. My favourite was a GT Ford, which was impressive and a replica of

was impressive, and a replica of the old Starsky and Hutch car.

one. And the condition of the cars was immaculate – the owners have a lot to be proud about." Among the people at the event at the Second World War airstrip

at the Second World War airstrip near Stafford, were members rep-resenting 10 car clubs. They included Market Dray-ton Mini Club and Classic Cars of Shropshire. Others came from as far as Liverpool. Mr Jeffries added: "We're on the map now."

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## **IN MY VIEW**

## Why is the old £1 coin taking a pounding

DISCOVERED any of the old paper £5

You will no doubt know they are no longer legal tender, and will have to be exchanged at the bank. It will be the same with the old, round £1 coins. While half the country's vending machines and parking meters do not seem to be ready for the new, multi-sided coins, we will still be expected to dispense with the old

still be expected to dispense with the old coins by October.

But why the indecent haste? The new fiver only entered circulation in September, yet in less than eight months it has become currency non-grata. The new pound coin has only been with us a few weeks, yet there seems to be a real hurry to get rid of them.

When the original pound coin was introduced in 1983, the old £1 note continued to be legal tender for another five years, allowing it to gradually be phased

years, allowing it to gradually be phased out without any inconvenience. I can't see any reason why they can't do the same today.

THERE are many, many things on which I disagree with Jeremy Corbyn – giving children the vote for a start – but when it comes to hospital parking charges, he is spot on.

Having spent the past six weeks making twice-daily visits to a seriously ill loved, the experience was traumatic enough, without being fleeced over park-

For most of that time I parked on a housing estate across the road, proba-bly to the chagrin of residents. Well sorry folks, but I always took care to park legal-ly and considerately. Anyway, had I not done this, it would have cost me £4.60 every time, or £9.20 a day. That's just over £285 a month, the

a day. I hat's just over £285 a month, the cost of a small mortgage. Or to put it another way, it is more than half the basic state pension.

Who has got that sort of money? Apart from the bigwigs who come up with ideas like this, of course.

HOW to get people out to vote. Last week a leaflet came through the door for one of the candidates in my constituency, urging us not to worry about national politics, but to judge him on his record locally.

"The vote here will have no impact on the national picture," he says in his leaflet. Which I think roughly translates as "don't worry, the other side are going to win anyway."

win anyway."

Having known the gentleman in ques-

naving known the gentleman in question for well over 20 years, I would agree that he is extremely hard-working and committed to his constituents.

But something is very wrong when a politician's election battle-cry is that a vote for him won't make any difference to

how the country is run.

## Political ramblings starting to reach a crescendo



Tony Blair in 1997, but how much did his victory have to do with his hunting ban pledge?



Is it a hare, or is it a Leprechaun? Answers



Jeremy Corbyn, denoting his A-level passes, all two of them. Yes, maths not a strong point

# Will May be foxed in her hunt for power?

"THE proverb that money does not buy you happiness is a lie put about by the rich to stop the poor killing them." Sir Michael Caine, as quoted this week by Max Hastings.

THERESA May says she supports fox hunting and would allow a free vote in Parliament on repealing the hunting ban. Big mistake. Hunting repeating the infuting bart. Big mistaker. Furthing is a pastime enjoyed by only a few thousand people yet it offends millions. Successive opinion polls show that a majority of Britons – even in rural areas – are opposed to it. And while it is not something that would swing an election result alone, it is an issue which persuades people who might otherwise not yet to set to be ple who might otherwise not vote to go to the polling station and vote against it.

HUNTING probably played a part in Tony Blair's 1997 landslide victory when Labour's manifesto included a promise to ban it. It certainly affected the Wolverhampton South West result where the lifelong hunter and Tory grandee Nick Budgen lost his seat to the passionately anti-hunt Jenny Jones. It was a surprising result (not least to lones who resigned after result (not least to Jones who resigned after just one term in the Commons). I was there at the count and will never forget the exultation as Labour's majority of 5,118 was announced. I wrote at the time: "As the feely-huggy brigade cheered Jenny Jones, a great roar went up, like a pack baying at the kill. And they reflected on how easily they had flushed out and culled the fox-hunting barrister in Wolverhampton South West. Tallyho." Cold logic tells us that the fate of a small furry predator should not influence great affairs of state. But it does, and by supporting the but Therean Moutinistics will refine a support of the but Therean Moutinistics. porting the hunt Theresa May is risking millions of votes.

ISRAEL has released covert footage of a Palestinian hunger striker allegedly eating biscuits and sweets in his cell. I am reminded of a reader some years ago who solemnly informed me

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

that, all other tactics having failed, he was going on hunger strike to pursue a grievance with his local council. Three hours later he rang to say he had called it off. Had he forced the council to back down? "No." he explained, "I was bloody famished.

A FORMER comrade of the hate preached A FUNMEN commade of the nate preacher Anjem Choudary is reported to have returned from Syria to the UK where he is working as a pizza delivery rider. Hell, this is serious. In the great scheme of things, I bet far more lardy-arse Britons are killed every year by take-away pizza than by terrorism. Double-thick, special greaty 12 incher with outer page course for the interest. 12-incher with extra spicy sausage for the infi-

WALKING down the lane, I spotted a little chap not more than two feet tall with his arms folded. We studied each other, 100 yards apart He turned out to be a hare standing on his back legs, and I've never seen any animal looking quite so human. I wonder if that's where leprechaun sightings came from.

THIS is the time of year when male pheasants – sometimes called the poor man's peacock – emerge in the greatest glory. They are as stately as an ibis, as richly hued as a bird of paradise and far better behaved than peacocks. We have one peacock in the garden at Chateau Rhodes who comes to the window with his harem of five hens and taps on the pane to be fed. Every human who sees him is bowled over by his iri-descent plumage and dramatic scarlet wattles. The mystery is that his rather drab mates seem

totally unimpressed by his display. His most dazzling courtship display is met by their utter indifference. Some weeks from now the chicks will appear. I often wonder how

PREACHING the benefits of an inquiring mind, Jeremy Corbyn says: "I don't consider myself the world's greatest intellectual but you learnt from everybody, don't close your mind to the thoughts of others." Pity he didn't follow that mantra in his schooldays. Corbyn was a privileged pupil but despite the benefits of a prep school and grammar school he achieved only school and grammar school, he achieved only two dismal E-grade passes in his A -levels. Like he says, not the world's greatest intellectual.

AND while we're on it, why this 1950s-style obsession with nationalising the railways and squeezing the banks until the pips squeak? Half the population hardly ever uses a train and how many of us even know a single investment banker, let alone blame him for our ills? If Really Old Labour wants my vote (and such a thing is not impossible), then get a grip on the dodgiest sector of them all. Nationalise the entire insurance industry with its mega-rich bosses, phony competition, utter contempt for loyal customers and endless payouts to 'whiplash victims' who are no such thing. Dozens of firms are selling identical policies with premiums vastly inflat-ed to cover the cost of celebrity advertising and stuffed toys. Sweep it all away, create the British Insurance Authority, eliminate the industrial-scale corruption and give us proper insurance, for the people, by the people. Or is that too radical. Jez?

AS I'm on holiday this week, I'd be grateful if you would hold those emails for a few days. Especially you three-a-day correspondents. You know who you are.

## **TALKING POINT**

## I'm voting green, in the garden of course

GRIPPED by election fever? Thought not. I haven't been either.
Until, that is, I had 'visitors' the other evening and I suddenly had a rather good idea.
Why don't we, the electorate, offer up our own manifesto in place of all the waffle the political parties are infliction on

our own mannesto in place of all the waitfle the political parties are inflicting on us? Let me explain.

There I was, out in the back garden, doing a bit of early evening weeding when . . . Ding-Dong.

Off come the gardening gloves and dusty old boots, and off I go to see who's at the door.

dusty old boots, and off I go to see who's at the door.

Trouble is, by the time I've traipsed through the house, all I can see is a group of them disappearing round the corner before I can even get to the front door.

They being half a dozen 'political' types who are obviously calling at as many homes as they can, simply to find out who the occupants intend to vote for. And how did I know they were canvassing for votes? Because two, yes two, party leaflets were on the mat in the porch. Such an impersonal calling card, I'm sure you'll an impersonal calling card, I'm sure you'll

arminersona caining card, rim sure you in agree.
Incidentally, the environmentally friendly types among you will be pleased to hear that the leaflets went straight in the recycling bin, which by coincidence was being emptied the next day.

So what would I have said if I'd got to the desiration?

the door in time?

They'll never know, but for the benefit of the next lot who come a' knocking, here goes.

here goes.

Firstly, in case they think I need persuading to get out and vote on June 8,
I have used every vote I've had since I turned 18, except for a European election when I could not get back from work in time before the polling station closed (yes, we journalists have the hardest job in the world!). in the world!).

in the world!).
Second, there is one party I have never voted for and hope I never have to.
Next, there is one party I will vote for as a tactical move.
Then there is the 'default' party I have voted for when I cannot make my mind up about, or have been unimpressed by, any of the others. any of the others.

any or the others.
Added to all this, there have been times when my choice has been based on, basically, me being vindictive against certain other candidates on the ballot paper. Finally, there is a party whose principles I endorse but for a million and one reasons can't always find it in me to support.

port.
So, what does my personal manifesto look like? Just one paragraph really.
The party which promises to outlaw cold calling by any political candidates or their representatives, thus leaving me in peace to get on with some gardening, gets my vote.

gets my vote.

Now, if that's not a vote winner, I don't know what is.

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# Fringe festival aims to showcase local talent

A NEW fringe festival for the Cannock Chase area will launch this weekend when The Premier Suite plays host

The Forest Fringe, which runs between May 27 and July 27, will give local venues and artists an opportunity to collaborate and promote individual events across the area as part of an initiative to celebrate the 'buzz' created by the Forest Live event which takes

place at Birches Valley.

The festival will also help to raise the profile of the town's the town's



The Forest Fringe will celebrate the 'buzz'

entertainment Venues and

tions across the area are

the area are invited to participate by staging their own small event during this period.
Audience development officer Paul Smith, based at The Museum of Cannock Chase, said: "Cannock Chase is rich in cultural heritage, and through the Fringe, artists of all ages and general researe invited to take part in this pop-up style fringe festival and stage their own small events in their own unique venues – anything from accus-

unique venues – anything from acous-tic artists to poetry nights."

Supported through funding from Arts Council England, excitement is building ahead of the launch of the event with Tiffany at The Premier Suite in Cannock town centre tomor-

ow (Friday) and Saturday. Paul added: "It's great that venues



**Excitement is building for Tiffany** 

such as The Premier Suite are getting behind the fringe festival and support-

#### **Special**

With more events still vet to be announced, make sure you follow the very latest on the Forest Fringe Twitter account @CCForestFringe for details of events.

Another special event will close the



Glenn Hughes - intimate acoustic gig

festival on July 27 when local legend Glenn Hughes of Deep Purple and Trapeze fame takes to the stage at The Premier Suite for an intimate Q&A and acoustic gig.

For tickets to the launch event

call 01543 572092 or visit www.pre-mier-suite.co.uk for more info.

To get involved in hosting or partic ipating in a fringe event, email Paul Smith at pas70@me.com

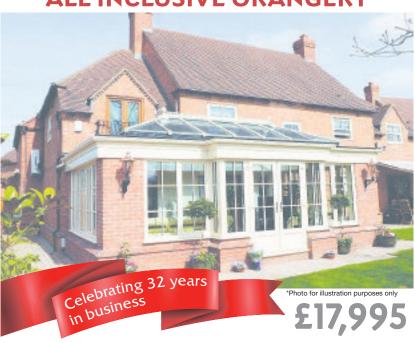


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was £453.46. If anyone is interested in helping GDBA fundraising they can call 01543 683937. PAT WILLIAMS Collections secretary

## Bring down high rents

ABOUT the housing crisis. There are 2½ million hous-

There are 2½ million houses es empty in the country that people cannot afford to rent. If all agency owners stopped asking too much rent, you might solve the problem, and we wouldn't need 300,000 new homes, not to mention losing the green helt.

green belt. V ROSA Cannock

as Eterninghil and Discrict councy councillor.

I am looking forward to working with county colleagues and partners on the many projects and challenges we face in Staffordshire and in particular to the people of Brereton and Raven-

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## What happened to **LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR our vibrant town?

REG Evans brought back memories of Rugeley in the 1970s ("Our town in 1970s is worth revisiting", May 18). In fact, he could have been talking about our town.

Back in the 1970s, Rugeley was a vibrant market town. It was prosperous. We had shops, we had markets, we had employment. We had GPs who we could visit the same day, and they there we have the country of th

employment. We had GPs who we could visit the same day, and they knew us by our Christian names! We even had a cottage hospital! This has long gone. We had the pit and the power station each providing work for our small town. Now, as Reg Evans correctly points out, we have charity shops galore along the High Street and cheap shops.

I'm not saying there is not a need for charity shops, they do an extremely good job, but surely we do not need a High Street clogged with them? I won't go on, because I know many of our smaller towns are suffering.

We shop out of town now. Yes, people do shop online, they have no choice, but if we had shops, they wouldn't go online. I am just wondering why more and more houses are being built but less and less facilities? Doctors and hospitals increasingly are unable to cope. Schools are suffering

being built but less and less facilities: Doctors and nospi-tals increasingly are unable to cope. Schools are suffering the same. Why is nothing being done? It's a crazy situation. Thanks for the memories, Reg Evans. Times were good back in the 1970s. CAROL ARNALL Rugeley

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## Voters are not stupid

THE battle lines are now drawn and the media are on full throttle but the electorate are not stupid. Whatever the final outcome on Brexit, the parties' manifestos need to be credible and fiscally sound. Unsustainable promises can't create a viable economy and, when we leave the EU, goodness knows we will need one.

MRA ALLPORT

Huntington

# economy

WHERE has all the mon-ey gone? In 2010, the then Labour government were blamed for the debt the blamed for the debt the country was in, even though part of the debt was from 'bailing out' some banks, after the global financial crash of 2008.

crash of 2008.

However, when the Conservatives came to government, George Osborne assured the public that if we accepted 'austerity measures' the debt would become

ures the dept would become surplus by 2015.

It is now 2017, the 'austerity' is still happening, increasingly crippling our public services, and the debt is as far away from surplus as it was in 2010.

We are paying more council tax and continue to pay our road tax, yet are not re-ceiving the services we are paying for. So I ask again where has

so I ask again where has all the money gone? Oh, I forgot, we have more billionaires in London than any other city in the world.

SUE WOOD

Great Wyrley

## Thanks for Many challenges ahead for councillors London has No TV debate could At the recent elections, I was elected as Etchinghill and District county councillor. I am looking forward to working with county colleagues and partners on with county colleagues and partners on with county colleagues and partners on thank those who voted for me. MIKE SUTHERLAND MIKE SUTHERLAND MIKE SUTHERLAND I will continue to serve all of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with council or the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council of the people with county colleagues and partners on the council or the counc

THERESA May knows that the UK economy is in decline, and she has called a snap election before it worsens. Inflation is rising, growth is slowing and real wages are falling. I believe the Prime Minister is afraid to enter into debate for fear her brutal course of action to inflict further austerity on the working and middle classes will be exposed. And her intention to make ordinary people pay for British capitalism's inability to provide sustained growth would also leave her vulnerable, under scrutiny and open to criticism during debate

icism, during debate.

Having a snap General Election with no open debate, and an opposition party that is as yet saying very little about the dangers of a hard Brexit, could provide the Tories with a landslide victory.

PAUL WITTON

CONDECT

## Money could have been used to improve healthcare

MRS May has just lost another vote. The Conservatives have not looked after, as she puts it, the not so well-off, the young, and have gone after the disabled.

Now they want to punish the pensioners who have paid enough money into the system over their lifetime towards social care. If the governments over the years had not used this money for other things, the healthcare would not be in the state it is in now.

If this government had any thought for the people in this country they would cut the overseas aid for other countries until we have sorted our own problems for British people.

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## Three clubs Carole hands over enjoy Fab Four tribute to new president Val

ROTARY Clubs from Can-nock, Bad Kreuznach-Na-hetal in Germany and Brie Pont from France celebrat-ed 35 years of their tripartite association with a visit

ed 35 years of their tripartitle association with a visit
to Liverpool.

The four-day visit started
with a welcome reception
and the following day, despite the English weather,
the clubs enjoyed a friendly
game of cricket, crown
green bowls and croquet at
Aigburgh Cricket Club in
Liverpool including a traditional English cricket tea.
A group of Rotarians representing the three clubs
visited The Lord Mayor of
Liverpool, Councillor Roz
Cladden at the Town Hall.
The Mayor was very interested in the long-standing
relationship and was delighted that her city had
been selected to celebrate
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ignited that ner city had been selected to celebrate the milestone in the three clubs' relationship.
Each club president was presented with a city plaque to commemorate the visit and The Lord Mayor personally gave the party a guided tour of the Town Hall and city council chamber.
No trip to Liverpool would have been complete without The Fab Four, and the group visited 'The Beatles Story' in Albert Dock followed by lunch at The Beatles exhibition at the Pier Head. The weekend included a gala evening attended by more than 60 people; the Cannock club provided a Beatles tribute

people; the Cannock club provided a Beatles tribute cabaret.

The next gathering will be in Bad Kreuznach in the Rhineland-Palatinate re-



Out-going president Carole Holdcroft receives flowers from new incumbent Val Jones

AT the AGM in April president Carole Holdcroft handed over the chain of office to new president Val Jones.

Val began by saying she had a really hard act to follow and commended Carole on the excellent way she had led and enthused members during. She said that as a relatively new Soroptimist – she has been a member for almost five years – she stands in awe of the club's more experienced members and will be looking to them to work with her and advise her.

She presented out-going president Carole with her Past President's badge and with a beautiful arrangement of yellow flowers.

Val's theme is 'Women in Power and

We will beat any

like for like quote.

## Valuable community service

AT the April meeting, the guild welcomed David Wright from the Staffs Search and Rescue team.

An informative illustrated talk was very appreciated by all members as beforehand little was known about the valuable service these volunteers give to the community.

This month Mac Joseph

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will give a talk entitled 'Do you remember'.

The Luncheon Club was held at The Hedgeford Lodge (Wetherspoons) in Hednesford.

Twelve members at-tended and were impressed with the themed rooms de-

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noting Hednesford's heritage. A range of menu to suit all tastes was offered and the choice of food was of good value.

Guild members are look ing forward to celebrating Cannock's Guild 40th birthday at the Barns this month.

Seven members are going on a holiday visit to Wey-

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enior Provost The Revd Canon Brendan Clover, Chair of the Governing Body Pauline Norvall, Maggie Shack and head girl Niamh Durkin

#### A NEW chapter has begun at **Abbots Bromley School with the** installation of its new principal.

Mrs Maggie Shackleton was officially installed on April 28 in the chapel, where she made a declaration to uphold the school's ethos and

Previously she was headteacher of Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for

Her leadership culminated in the school being rated as the 30th highest ranking school in the country.

Olympic Gold medal-winning rower Dame Katherine Grainger visited on

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Maggie's final day to pay tribute to her. Maggie said: "I am proud and privileged to be the principal of Abbots Bromley School and International College

"It is an extremely exciting time, with last summer's A-level results placing the school in the top four per cent of all schools in the country for value-added performance, boys being admitted into Year 7 for the first time from this September and a rapidly expanding sixth form

"My formal introduction to the school was at the recent dance and

musical theatre performance, which was phenomenal. Extra-curricular opportunities are a wonderful part of school life at AB, including our choirs travelling to Chelmsford Cathedral this weekend for a performance

"The school has excellent transport links as well as a school transport system and there are day and boarding options available."

She added: "I am extremely grateful to the school community for the welcome they have given to me and my husband. Given the reaction of our boarding students to meeting our two dogs, we will not have a shortage of volunteer dog walkers!"

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# Disney gems turn up at valuation day Lowest of



Charles Hanson with one of the cels from Walt Dis-ney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

ney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

A PIECE of animation history has been unearthed in Lichfield at a weekly valuation day. The pair of original 'cels'
from Walt Disney's first animated feature-length film,
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, date from 1937.

They were taken to a valuation day at The Hedgehog Inn
organised by Hansons Auctioneers. The cels – short for celluloid – were originally sold in an exhibition of the original
paintings for the film in London in 1938. One is the classic
scene of the Wicked Queen presenting Snow White with the
poisoned apple. The other depicts Snow White being swept
up by her animal friends with deer and rabbits.

Charles Hanson, manager of Hansons Auctioneers, said:
"Walt Disney and his large staff of animators revolutionised the animation industry with their first animated film.
"Never before had animators tackled animating the
human form convincingly, let alone attempted to entertain an audience with animation for the entire length of a
feature film. The cels are truly exciting, and to hold such
history in your hands is very rewarding."

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The cels will be in a Hansons auction on June 30. The poisoned apple cel has an estimate of £10,000 to £15,000, and the animal cel carries an estimate of £5,000 to £8,000.

# low' burglar raided dead man's home

A BURGLAR branded 'the lowest of the low broke into and ransacked the home of a Burntwood man who had died from a drug overdose weeks earlier, an inquest heard.

Avid motorcyclist Glenn Messenger, who had a 'heart of gold' according to his step-father, was found lifeless at his home on December 16.

The 50-year-old, who had suffered depression for several years, had taken an overdose of prescribed drugs, the hearing was told.

drugs, the hearing was told. But the hearing was also told that 'within weeks' of his death, his home was raided and his belongings were taken. His family believe the culprit was looking to steal two expensive bikes and his riding gear.

Step-father Neville Jones said: 'He had got a heart of gold. He would help anyone, even though he was ill. 'He will be missed by a lot of people,' he added. 'The burglary was a terrible thing. Whoever did it is the lowest of the low.'' Sgt Ruth Templeton, who attended the scene when Mr

attended the scene when Mr Messenger was found dead, and gave evidence at the inquest, said: "Just over a month later a burglary was reported at the house where some of Mr Messenger's be-

#### By Carl Jackson

longings were stolen." She said there was not thought to be any suspicious circumstances or third-party involvement in his death

A post-mortem found he had various prescribed drugs in his system but could not determine how much. He also had in his blood one and a half times the legal driving limit for alcohol.

Sgt Templeton added that a 'farewell' note written by Mr Messenger to his parents contained an apology as well as instructions about who should receive certain be-

Coroner Andrew Haigh recorded the death as self-administered drug over-

"Overall it is likely that Glenn has died from a com-bination of excess alcohol and drugs," he said.

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## 'Royals' chosen for carnival day









Carnival Queen Kayleigh Patrick

Carnival Prince Tyler Griffiths

ORGANISERS of Great Wyrley Carnival have chosen the young-sters who will have pride of place

in the procession next month.
The Carnival Queen is Kayleigh
Patrick, aged 10, while the Carnival King is Joseph Hill, 11.
They will be accompanied by five-year-old Poppy Wootton, who was selected to be Carnival Princes cess, and Tyler Griffiths, aged six,

who is Carnival Prince. All four will be on a float as it makes its way through Great Wyrley.

The carnival will be held on the Star Land, with the parade leaving at midday. It will be followed by numerous attractions in the main arena including the Great Wyrley Carnival Talent Show, a falconry display, the 1st Chase Terrace Scout Band, Bloxwich

Gym Club, Dance Fusion, and the Route 44 Country Band. In the second arena, Great Wyrley Community Band and Sandwele Ukulele Band will en-tertain the crowds. There will also be a fun dog show featuring pedi-gree and novelty entries.

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NINE people have been arrested at football league games in the West Midlands over smoke bombs this season.

West Midlands Police reported bombs we let off at 16 league games during the 2016-17 sea-

son.

They include two smoke bombs in the game between Walsall and Charlton in August last year. Noone was arrested.

Smoke bombs were also let off at Walsall's matches against Sheffield United and Swindon.

No smoke bombs were reported let off at Molineux, but one went off at Villa Park for the fixture against

Wolves. One person was arrested in connection with the Villa Park flare.

At The Hawthorns, one person was arrested in connection with a smoke bomb in West Bromwich Albion's game against Derby County, and another against Everton.

Three people were arrested in connection with smoke bombs at Birmingham City over last season. One was for the match against Preston North End, and two against Newcastle United.

Under The Sport Events Act 1985, it is an offence for a person to enter a football ground with a smoke

for a person to enter a football ground with a smoke bomb.

Those caught face up to three months' in prison if convicted.

## Support for coping with dementia is growing fast

MORE people and organisations in Staffordshire than ever before are sign-

Stanfordshife than ever before are signing up to help people with dementia.

Nearly 32,000 organisations and individuals in the county are now classed as 'dementia friends', while another 274 are 'dementia champions'.

as 'dementia friends', while another 274 are 'dementia champions'. Being dementia friendly means an organisation or individual has taken steps to learn about dementia, and how they can make a difference to someone living with the disease. Staffordshire County Council has produced an interactive online map to help people find dementia friendly organisations in their area. According to the national statistics, dementia has overtaken heart disease as the leading cause of death in England and Wales, accounting for 11.6 per cent of all deaths. In Staffordshire, it is predicted that by 2030, more than 27,000 people in the county aged over 65 will have some form of dementia, compared with 11,600 in 2014.

The county council, along with more than 200 organisations in the county, is working with the Dementia Action Alliance to become fully dementia friendly. Councillor Alan White, cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "There is tremendous work going on in our communities to become dementia

There is tremendous work going on in our communities to become dementia friendly, with dementia friendly towns such as Audley and Hednesford. We want to encourage more communities to come together in support of people with dementia, and make Staffordshire treated accounts of the community of the community of the communities.

while dementia friendly county."
Meanwhile, emergency services in the county are supporting a national initiative to become dementia friendly.

The Diocese of Lichfield is the first in the country to be recognised

as a dementia-friendly community by the Alzheimer's Society. Work began in 2014 to create dementia-friendly churches in the diocese, an area with a population of more than two million.

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# **Coroner concerned at** no police investigation

## Lions' £1,000 help for trip



Lions Pauline Holmes, Tony Evans, John Morgan and John Holmes presenting cheques to John Langston and Jess Archer

TWO pupils at a Rugeley school have been given a £1,000 boost ahead of a cultural expedition to Cambodia.

Jess Archer and John Langston, where the Lady Deals Assays and the control of t

who go to Hagley Park Academy, were faced with the task of raising funds to meet the £4,000 cost of the trip. They approached Rugeley and District Lions Club and asked if the organisation would be willing to make a donation.

make a donation.

Having previously helped three young people who went to Peru in 2015 and having seen how the trip had helped the students, the club were only too happy to help with a donation of £50 and the offer of

further funds if Jess and John were to work towards the Lions Young Leaders in Service Award and ob-tain the Silver Award for 50 hours of community service.

of community service.

Subsequently, the two students have helped the Lions in various service and fundraising activities, and the club presented each of them with a cheque for £500 before they depart in July.

Jess and John will spend four weeks in Cambodia with a group of like minded people helping a community and in particular children there. The Lions arelooking forward to them giving a presentation after they return from their travels.

A CORONER has questioned why police failed to investigate how a one-time aspiring model got her hands on a 'substantial' amount of anti-depressants which caused her death.

Which caused ner death.

Marilyn Allsop of Cannock became a
tetraplegic who could barely move without
help after breaking her spine after falling
down the stairs in 2008.

She also survived life-threatening injuries sustained in a house fire in 2014, days
after the death of her husband, which she
accidentally caused by failing to put out a

arter the death of her husband, which she accidentally caused by failing to put out a cigarette. She died, aged 63, at her home in Wood Lane, Wedges Mills, on February 10 this year, having taken an overdose of anti-depressants.

anu-depressants. A toxicology report revealed she had seven times the amount of Citalopram in her system than is normally associated with a 'high therapeutic dose'.

#### **Overdose**

Coroner Andrew Haigh expressed concerns that Staffordshire Police did not attend the address when the death was reported, to inquire how she obtained so many drugs. Mr Haigh said: "Looking at the situation now, with the benefit of hindsight, the police should have attended."

And clarifying his comments to the Press afterwards, he said: "I believe she has died from a substantial overdose of anti-depressants, and I'm concerned as to how she managed to take this amount bearing in mind her condition.

mind her condition.

mind her condition.

"Really, this is the sort of thing which should have been looked at by the police." After the hearing, Ms Allsop's sister-in-law Diane Jones said: "She used to be an aspiring model and could have been one but her life did not life up to her aspirations." Mr Haigh recorded the death as an open conclusion. A police spokesman said: "We have already reviewed the recording of the call from the ambulance service and the police were not made aware of any suspicious lice were not made aware of any suspicious circumstances or concerns. Therefore the police were not required to attend.

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# Determined mother beats QUALITY ALUMINIUM the odds to lose 14 stones

SHE has shed more than half of her body weight in four years but this inspirational Cannock mother has not had

Cannock mother has not had an easy time along the way.

Wendi Dean has battled bullying, depression and bereavement, and has still managed to shrink from 26st 5lb to 12st 5lb.

Tragically, her step-daughter Lucy lost her battle with leukaemia last year, at the age of eight, and only two weeks ago her mother-in-law Linda, who was very supportive of her, died from pancreatic cancer aged 63.

But while that would have provided ample excuse for many to give in to the temptation of comfort foods, Wendi has actually used the adversity to spur herself on.

herself on.

The 29-year-old from Harrison Road said: "This was the only thing I could control. I couldn't control what was going on around me at the hospital.

#### Lucky

"Slimming World was like my little bit of sanity every week. My madness-free zone. Even with going through tough times, I knew I hat oplough on and change my life."

Wendi, a full-time mother to her two children Luke and Sophie, five and six, as well as step-children Izzy and Josh, 10 and 13, said she had always had weight issues.

"I was always one of the bigger ones in school," she said. "I got bullied quite a lot.

"It was horrible, having to have specially ordered clothes, I was lucky I had a good group of friends to support me, otherwise it would have been a different matter."

a different matter."

Things got worse in her 20s as she suffered post-natal depression after the birth of her two children.
She said: "Me and my husband didn't go out really.
"I just had a 'can't be bothered to do anything' attitude.
"I didn't cook a lot so I just got takemays or whet you was the exciset.

aways or whatever was the easiest



Before – Wendi Dean with her daughter Sophie

option." Wendi finally decided to join Slimming World in January 2013. She said: "I had just had enough of

She said: "I had just had enough of not doing anything.
"I wanted to be healthier for my children and be able to be mobile to do stuff with them."

In the first year, she lost a staggering cover they.

In the first year, she lost a staggering seven stone.

It was an even more remarkable feat given that the same year, Lucy's leukaemia had sadly relapsed after she had been in remission for three years.

Consequently trips to the hospital became all the more frequent up until last year when she died a week after the family were told she still had months left to live.

But in the face of all of that, Wendi carried on her weight-loss drive, crediting her husband Dean for his support.

She said: "Some days I would say



After – Wendi celebrates her incred-ible weight loss

'No, I'm giving up' but he was the one who said 'No, you have come too far and done so well'.

and done so well.
"His family were also fantastic with
their support and encouragement.
"We have just lost my mother-inlaw. I reached my target weight on the
day we were told there was nothing
more they could do for her.
"We were all devastated but she was

"We were all devastated but she was still upbeat and happy for me and said 'Well done'."

Wendi now goes to Slimming World at St Mary's and Thomas More Club in Hallcourt Lane, Cannock.

The key to her success has been cooking healthier meals replacing sugars and additives with fresh and natural ingredients.

She added: "I would say to other people struggling with their weight they can definitely do it, no matter what is thrown at them.





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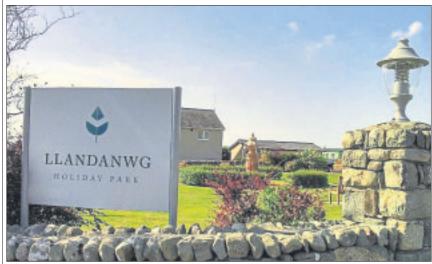
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The initiative is being coordinated by Staffordshire County Council.

Properties will need to be converted for manufacturing, creative or service industry use. The fund

VACANT buildings in Staffordshire could be transformed into thriving business hubs for small and medium sized enterprises, thanks to a new initiative.

The Rural Enterprise Programme The Rural Enterprise Programme permission. Properties in all areas of Staffordshire are available ining can be used for works to build or refurbish workspaces, build ex-tensions, installation of services, access works, car parking and land-scaping works needed for planning permission. Properties in all areas of Staffordshire are available, in-

of Staffordshire are available, including the county's towns.
Staffordshire County Council's communities leader Gill Heath said:
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Naomi Jacques - surprised to have been selected

## Naomi lands a spot at top art exhibition

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton She works from home where she has

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton graduate has been selected to exhibit her work at a prestigious art event in London.

Naomi Jacques, aged 33, from Great Haywood, has been selected by New Designers (ND) to exhibit in the One Year On section of their annual event held in Islington at the end of the June.

The event at the Business Design Centre showcases more than 3,000 of the most promising graduate talents from Britain's leading design courses. It features everything from illustration to animation, furniture to fashion, and gaming to glass.

Naomi graduated from the Wolverhampton School of Art in 2016 with an Applied Arts honours designed.

with an Applied Arts honours degree and creates glass sculptures. She works from home where she has a kiln and her own working studio space. She said: "I am really excited to have been chosen to exhibit at this year's show. I was a little surprised to have been selected.
"I am aiming to attract galleries."

prised to have been selected.
"I am aiming to attract galleries, private collectors and commissions on a national and international level, all of which I attracted last year when I went to exhibit with the university as a graduate."

The university has offered Naomi some workshon space as well as sun-

some workshop space as well as support for printing materials and helping out with transport to ND.

As well as being selected for ND One Year On, Naomi was recently commended by the Contemporary Glass Society in the Graduate Review 2016. view 2016.

## team beats iobs target

THE inward investment team responsible for attracting new business to Staffordshire and helping firms expand has exceeded its jobs target.

In 2016-17, the team had a target of supporting

In 2016-17, the team had a target of supporting the creation of or safe-guarding 2,000 jobs. Its final figure was 2,138 jobs, with 20 firms supported. Successes included se-

curing automotive sup-plier Gestamp's relocation to the Bericote site in South Staffordshire and communication solutions specialist Ascom Wireless relocating to Lichfield.



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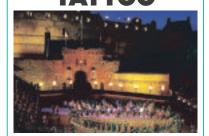
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## Walkers help raise £700 for charities



The walking group raises money by walkers donating 50p per walk

A WALKING group based in Cannock Chase has raised more than £700 for charity. Formed three years ago, the group raises money by walkers donating 50p per walk.

It was started by resident Kaye Le Page in 2014 and had just four walkerswho would meet at Springslade Lodge be-

fore walking off around the Chase together.

Now the group attracts 30 to 50 walkers when it meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Walks talk place between 10am and midday. Members are aged between 50

and 80. Ms Le Page said: "The group have formed friend-ships and we all support each other since some members of the group live on their own."

In the past three years the group has walked all three peaks. They started with Ben Nevis before conquering Scafell and more recently Snowdon.

Scafell and more recently Snowdon.

Most recentlymembers raised £260 for the Staffordshire Search and Rescue Team.

Next year the group plans to walk a coastal path.

## irus threat of TV

PEOPLE have been warned that set top boxes which have been hacked to illegally receive channels could be intended to illegally fected with a virus to defraud

them of personal details.
Lydia Hooley, community engagement officer with Staffordshire Police, ment officer with Statiordshire Police, said: "We are aware that set top boxes, although perfectly legal in their own right, are repeatedly adapted by crim-inals to unlawfully receive TV chan-nels. The set top boxes can come with

#### Personal

"The set top boxes may also contain infected malware that is disguised as something as innocent as a play button and is unknowingly initiated by the user.

"The users will normally have used

the set-top box, which could be used to defraud them.

"Consequently, what may appear to be a bargain for the consumer may quickly turn into a genuine problem by loss of personal data and or money.

"Our advice would be to only purchase set-top/streaming boxes from recognised outlets.

"Contact your bank if you notice any suspicious transactions on your accounts.

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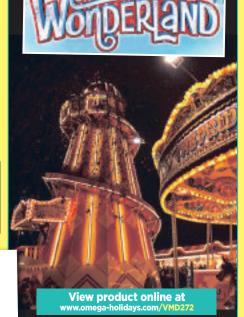
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## Holly's heroic push for charity



A PUPIL at Wolgarston High School in Penkridge as helped to raise £250 for Cancer Research.

Holly Hopkinson, who is in Year Holly Hopkinson, who is in Year 9, raised the cash by taking part in the Race For Life event at Walsall Arboretum – completing the 5k course in 1hr 15min while push-ing her aunt, Anne Collins, in her wheelchair.

"I am so proud that I was able to raise so much money with my

amazing seeing everyone there

amazing seeing everyone there working together to raise money for this important cause."

Cancer Research funds scientists, doctors and nurses to help beat cancer sooner. It also provide cancer information to the public, and its policy development team advises the Government on its

# Staffordshire's claimant total rises to 5,910

shire rose last month despite unemployment in the West Midlands falling by 5,000 to 161,000 in the three months to March.



Assistant manager Leanne Woodhouse and manager Emma Winder celebrate the shop's first year

A SIGHT LOSS charity is celebrating the first anniversary

A SIGHT LOSS charity is celebrating the first anniversary of its shop in Penkridge.

Since it opened, villagers have been able to get advice on sight loss and pick up a range of goods including clothing, shoes and household items sold in aid of the organisation. To mark the anniversary, staff will be holding a celebration event at the Beacon Centre store in Stone Cross on Saturday between 9.30am and 4.30pm. There will be a tombola, raffle, children's lucky dip and cakes. Customers on the day will also receive a free glass of wine.

Beacon Centre's Penkridge's manager Emma Winder said: "We've had a fantastic first year and met some wonderful people. Our Beacon Bus has made regular visits to the site in order to give people sight loss advice which will

the site in order to give people sight loss advice which will continue in the year ahead. We are always on the look-out for volunteers in the shop as well, no experience is needed." For more information about the shop and volunteering opportunities, call the store on 01785 711114.

#### Skills

The claimant count rate in Staffordshire was the same as last month and lower than both West Mid-

lands and national (1.9 per cent) figures.

The figures prompted the director of Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce to

Chamber of Commerce to call on the next government to 'do more' to close the skills gap in the existing la-bour market. Chris Plant said: "With unemployment continuing to fall and employment lev-els rising, conditions in the UK labour market remain robust

UK labour market remain robust.

"The next government must do more to close the skills gap, including improving the transition from education to work by guaranteeing universal experience of work in all schools for under-16s."

## Awards deadline

THE closing date for nomi-nations in the Staffordshire Dignity in Care Awards is tomorrow (Friday). Furtomorrow (Friday). Fur-ther details and nomination forms are available by call-ing 01785 355795 or visiting www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ dignityincare

# bird sales

PENKRIDGE Market has resumed its weekly poultry

The market had been unable to sell live birds since mid-December due to the nationwide ban on gather-

nationwide ban on gather-ings of birds to prevent the spread of Avian Flu.

Now, the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs has lifted its ban, giving permission to all traders in England to start selling live birds again

The poultry sales at Pen-kridge will take place every Wednesday at 11.30am.

## Return of | 'Plan your journey' plea over Ironman

WITH just over a month to go and excitement building for this year's Ironman 70.3 Staffordshire, people are being reminded to plan their journeys ahead of the event.

The world-famous competition, now in its third year, takes place on June 18 and will see competitors complete a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile half marathon.

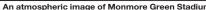
Last year saw more than 2,000 athletes from all over the world take part, and thousands turned out to watch at spectator hotspots set up at pubs and pienic spots.

Mark Winnington, cabinet member for economy at Staffordshire County Council, said: "We know from last year's event that it will be well supported, with thousands of spectators, but there will also be some minor disruption to travel in some areas during the competition. We're asking

travel in some areas during the competition. We're asking people to familiarise themselves with the arrangements ahead of the event and plan their journeys to avoid any inconvenience." Visit www.enjoystaffordshire.com/ironman











# Photographer on track to share love of speedway at exhibition

A KEEN motorsport photographer showcased snaps of the rip-roaring world of speedway and said he hoped the display would get more people into in the

Jon George and his friends exhibited

Jon George, and his friends, exhibited around 100 pictures at Wolverhampton Central Library.

The stunning images ranged from riders in the heat of the action at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green Stadium, to historic black and white photographs taken at the Haynes International Motor Museum, in Somerset.

Jon, chairman of the Compton G Camera based at Tettenhall Wood Institute, hopes the display has inspired people to take an interest in the sport.

The exhibition comes after the camera club was granted rare access to capture the racing in action up close and personal at Monmore Green, home to the Parrys International Wolves and Elite League winners

national Wolves and Elite League winners

last season. Current riders, including Jacob Thorssell, featured in the display.

Promoter Chris Van Straaten gave the photographers an unobstructed view from the centre of the track in March.

Jon also added historic photographs which he took at the motor museum. The spans include two female riders. Fay Tay.

which he took at the motor museum. The snaps include two female riders, Fay Taylour 'the Queen of Speedway' and Eva Asquith,who were both big names in the sport in the 1920s.

In addition, Jon threw in atmospheric pictures from Monmore Green, capturing behind the scenes of the racing action.

The 68-year-old, from Merry Hill in Wolverhampton, said: "We decided to focus the exhibition on the speedway because several of our members like the sport.

"I hope it would encourage people to take an interest in speedway.

an interest in speedway.

"The majority of the photographs were

interesting to focus on the history of the

Speedway."

One black and white image captures Fay and Eva shaking hands as they sit on their respective motorbikes side by side, while what appears to be race organisers stand behind the two female riders.

### Flying

Another old photograph shows Fay sitting astride a speedway motorcycle inside of a building or stadium. The photograph taken from the side, shows the Irish rider, known as 'Flying Fay' wearing a long coat with a fur collar.

Taylour was regarded as the best female rider of her day.

Jon said he believed Fay held the track record at Crystal Palace and beat a lot of male riders But in the 1930s women were banned from speedway because it could be awkward for medics to remove clothing if they had an accident, Jon said.

they had an accident, Jon said.

"It wasn't until the 1990s women were

he said. During his visit to the museum, Jon had a surprise encounter with a for-mer world champion rider whose career spanned the 1950s to the 70s.

spanned the 1900s to the 70s.

"I was taking photographs there and someone tapped me on the back," said Jon.
"It was Barry Briggs, he is like the Stanley Matthews of speedway. There are display boards there at the museum about him."

Jon, originally from Somerset, used to see grass-track races while he lived down south, which is a similar type of motorbike racing

to speedway.

But it wasn't until he moved to Wolverhampton in 1969 that he got his first glimpse of the sport, during the era of world champion 'Great Dane' Ole Olsen, who raced for Wolverhampton Wolves between 1970 and 75.

Ole also features in the exhibition. On

one image, he can be seen in pack of riders who are racing at Wembley, in 1976, in the Intercontinental Final and is joined by Ivan Mauger and Doug Wyer.



The 1976 Intercontinental Final at Wembley



The Queen of Speedway Fay Taylour and Eva Asquith

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## Multi-million wonder bringing 100 jobs



This aerial image shows a brand new multi-million pound warehouse which is creating 100 jobs in Cannock. The unit on the Kingswood Lakeside Business Park is for First Choice Group, which is moving from the town centre. The work was carried out by Midlands-based developer Opus Land. First Choice Group was recently bought by US firm PT Holdings, parent firm of Chicago-based Parts Town, for an unknown price. The catering business has been operating for 17 years.

## **A&E wait t**i

A&E performance at County Hospital has reached its highest levels since September - as it appears to have recovered from the tradition-

ally busy winter period.

According to the latest figures, in March, 88 per cent of people were dealt with in the required four hours.

It had slumped as low as less than 80 per cent in January, meaning that one in five patients were waiting

Meanwhile, Royal Stoke in Newcas-tle-under-Lyme, which is run by the same trust, is showing its own signs of improvement but is still perform-ing well below the required national benchmark of 95 per cent against the four-hour standard. In March, they rose to 78 per cent

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As a result, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) is operating at 80 per cent overall.

A performance report said: "UHNM

did not achieve the four-hour emer-

gency access standard for March 2017, delivering 80.4 per cent versus the standard of 95 per cent or better, there was an improvement in the performance at Royal Stoke site, increasing by 1.7 per cent between February and March 2017.

"In addition, County Hospital also saw an improvement of 5.6 per cent, giving an overall increase of 1.9 per cent for UHNM.

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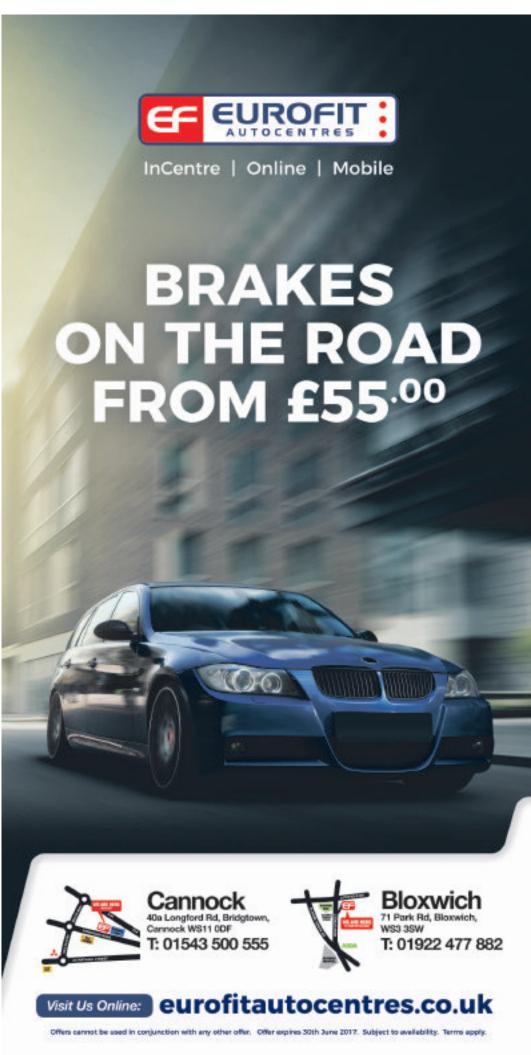




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Equipment, he will soon be get-ting the specialist car seat he needs to keep him safe and com-

funding the car seat which costs £1,158 because there was no local statutory funding available.

# **County schools** to lose £39m in funding — union

in funding in the next three years, with hundreds of teaching jobs at risk, a union has warned.

The figures have been revealed by the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), which says the Government's new funding formula for schools will put the stability of the whole education system at risk'. The union says the change in formula will mean schools in Staffordshire face losing about £386 of funding per pupil by 2020 or the equivalent of 1,055 teachers, based on an average teacher's salary.

\*\*Russell Hobby, general secretary of the NAHT, said: "The Government expects schools to make £3 billion of savings by 2020. These reductions put the stability of the whole education system at risk, and we call on all political parties to commit to addressing this shortfall. figures have been revealed by the National Association of Head Teachers

pointers parties to commit to addressing this shortfall. "To fund education fully and fairly, the next gov-ernment must reverse the real-terms cuts that schools are facing and provide enough money to make the new national funding formula a success

#### Risk

Meanwhile, the National Union of Teachers (NUT). has also warned of the effects of these cuts in nearby Brownhills.

The union claims sthat

even schools in the area will lose between £421 and £728 of funding per pupil, with up to 22 teaching jobs at risk in the next three years. This is despite the area seeing an increase in pupil numbers.

Russ Bragger, from the NUT, said: "The budget disaster facing Walsall schools and thousands of children has been growing for months."

The Department for Edu-

cation has said its proposed new funding formula will end 'the historic unfairness that sees some areas of England funded disproportionately to others'.

## Theft from farm

TOOLS were stolen from a farm building near Shenstone. The thief broke narm building near Shen-stone. The thief broke through a fence near the junction of Ashcroft Lane and Raikes Lane. Anyone with information should quote reference 256 of May 16 when contacting police.



Chief executive Richard Williams prepares show prizes

STAFFORDSHIRE County Show is reporting a significant increase in online ticket sales.

The family event will be held at the Staffordshire County

The family event will be need at the Stanfordshire County
Showground on Wednesday and Thursday, May 31 and
June 1, and is expected to attract more than 65,000 visitors.
And the number of tickets bought online so far is up 15
per cent compared with this time last year.
Richard Williams, chief executive of the Staffordshire

Richard Williams, chief executive of the Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society, which organises the two-day show, said he was very pleased with the sales reports so far. "Preparations for this year's event have been progressing for a long time, and the attractions are now all in place for families to come and see," he said.

It is one of the region's biggest events of the year and has a varied package of entertainment and demonstrations. Show-goers have the chance to sample local produce and crafts, visit the antiques fair and attend a cookery theatre. Anyone who is travelling by train or bus or lives locally can catch the shuttle bus 404 from opposite Stafford railway station direct to the showground.

## Alert over **Pick up new skills**

POLICE have issued a warning after a car trans-

warning after a car transporter trailer was stolen.

The 20ft-long trailer, weighing three-and-a-half tons and attached to a van, was taken between 4.15pm on Monday last week and 6.45am the following day from a property in Lynn Lane between Shenstone and Stonnall.

It is believed the thief drove off towards Stonnall.

PCSO Andrea Horsnall has advised people not to park vehicles in remote areas if possible.

## trailer theft to scoot and skate

YOUNG people are being invited to learn some skills on a skateboard or a scooter this half-term.

Lichfield District Council's sports development team is running two days of scootering and skateboarding tuition at Cherry Close Skate Park in Burntwood.

The days are aimed at young people aged 13 to 25 from the area. The first two sessions are on Thursday, June 1 and will be for skateboarders. The second two sessions are on Friday, June 2 and will be for locals who want to learn some tricks on a scooter. The two sessions on both days will be split into two age groups, with the 10am to midday drop-in class for 13 to 16-year-olds, and the 1pm to 3pm drop-in session for 17 to 25-year-olds.

The council will offer more free skateboarding and scootering tuition days towards the end of the summer holiday, working towards a competition event at the start of September. Visit www.activelichfield.co.uk/getin2it

## Garage site flats plan

Council include:
Former Bridge Cross Garage, Cannock Road, Chase
Terrace – erection of three-storey mixed-use development
complex comprising A1, A3, A5 and D1 use classes and 14 two-bedroom apartments (outline: access and layout); 16
Victory Avenue, Burntwood – single-storey extension to
front and side; 21 Mossbank Avenue, Burntwood – proposed first-floor extension.

Comments must be received by June 5.

# William's backing for police memorial

THE Duke of Cambridge has lent his support to a memorial recognising the bravery of police officers.

A campaign is being launched to raise funds for the project, which is to be built at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) in Staffordshire.

William said it was 'high time' a focal point for remembrance existed for officers such as Keith Palmer, who was killed in the Westminster terror attack.

terror attack. While £2.5 million has while £2.5 million has already been raised, a fur-ther £4m is needed for the UK Police Memorial, which will bear the names of more than 1,400 police officers and staff who have died while carrying out their du-

In a letter, William said:
"The United Kingdom is recognised around the world recognised around the world as the home of modern po-licing but, as recent events have reminded us, that rich heritage is interwoven with a history of sacrifice.

#### Quiet

"More than 1,400 police officers and staff have died in the line of duty, and it is high time a Police Memorial in the National Memorial Arboretum existed to act

Arboretum existed to act as a focal point for remem-brance and gratitude. "Since 2001, the National Memorial Arboretum has been a place of solemn remembrance and quiet re-

flection.

"It is therefore a fitting place in which to pay tribute to the bravery and dedication of the policemen and women who have given up their lives, and the commitment and courage of all those who continue to serve"

The memorial will feature an interactive space, telling



How the memorial will look

the stories of those who have sacrificed their lives and is expected to be completed by 2019.

Amber Rudd, Home Secretary until the General Election was called, said: "Every day, our police officers and staff go out to work not knowing what they might face, but do so with the utmost professionalism and bravery. alism and bravery.
"We all owe them a huge

"We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.
"That bravery was plain for everyone to see in the phenomenal response of the police to the shocking events in Westminster back in March, as a result of which Pc Keith Palmer tragically lost his life.
"It is entirely fitting that those officers and staff who

those officers and staff who give their lives in the line of duty should be remembered

## **Buildings among** award winners for archtecture

THE Jaguar Land Rover engine factory and the Re-membrance Centre at the National Memorial Arbore-tum are among the winners of a set of major regional ar-whitestyne gwyrdd chitecture awards.

The two are among six buildings to win West Mid-lands awards from the Royal Institute of British Archi-

tects.

The JLR plant also picked up a special sustainability award for its 'positive' environmental impact, while the Remembrance Centre was declared the overall Building of the Year.

ing of the Year.

"Every member of the judging panel was visibly moved by the experience of

the building," said a spokes-man following the site visit to the Arboretum.

The six awards, given in recognition of the buildings' architectural interest, were announced at a ceremony in

announced at a ceremony in Birmingham.
Other award winners included the University of Birmingham's Alan Walters Building and the renovation of a former Jewellery Quar-ter factory into The Compound.

pound.

Regional jury chairman
Natalia Maximova said:
"This year's winning projects prove that a good architecture should allow its user a space and time to ab-sorb and to reflect."

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## **FOCUS ON RUGELEY**

# School and sports centre plan for power station



A PRIMARY school, sports centre and shop could be built on the former Rugeley Power Station land.

It comes after it was revealed anywhere between 800 and 1,600 new homes could be built, along with new businesses. A 42-page 'development brief' has been published for the sprawling 372-acre site.

There are also calls for a piece of bublic art of the site recognizing the

nultier are also can for a piece of public art at the site recognising the history of the former power station. The masterplan was being considered by Lichfield District Council, which is responsible for a large portion of the site, with a view for the scheme

to go out to public consultation, giving

residents the first real chance to have their say on the vision for the site. Council leader Mike Wilcox said he would work with education author-ity Staffordshire County Council to ensure a school was delivered when substantial housing schemes came

substantial housing schemes came forward for the site.

He said: "The important thing is, we don't want to see a site left empty now the power station has closed.

"The school will depend on the level of housing which comes forward.

"We will do all we can to bring forward a development which creates lobe new homes leigure facilities and

jobs, new homes, leisure facilities and everything which Rugeley needs. If that means substantial housing we will be pushing the county council to deliver a school."

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It adds: "During discussions with
Staffordshire County Council, they
have advised the scale of proposed
development generates the need for a
new primary school at the site.

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"The school should ideally be centrally located, to encourage internal walking and cycling and reduce reliance on car use." The detailed brief also states that because certain parts of the land are in high-risk flood zones, the golf course could be retained but only as a landscape feature.

Lakeside Golf Club moved off the land at the end of March.

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STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is to recruit full-time firefighters for the first time in eight years.

The service wants 16 new firefighters to bolster its numbers despite having to make cutbacks to save money. Applications open on June 1 and close June 11.

The successful candidates will embark on an intensive initial firefighter training course later this year.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rob Barber said: "There is a stereotypical image of a firefighter which we really want to challenge and change. We're really lucky to have a diverse community in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, and we want our service to reflect the communities they serve. As long as you are driven, determined and passionate about doing the best for your community, then you're exactly what we're looking for

the best for your community, then you're exactly what we're looking for.
"There is much more to the role of a firefighter than the common perception of racing to burning buildings or road traffic collisions. We strongly believe

traffic collisions. We strongly believe that preventing fires and emergencies from happening is far better.

"Today a firefighter's average working day involves spending more time on community safety and engagement, education, partnership working, and helping businesses recover after a fire, than responding when things have gone wrong," Mr Barber added.

# Fire service is to take on 16 new recruits JCB helping Great Britain's bid to couples who are about to wed are about to wed \$\frac{1}{2}\$. to win oldest sporting trophy

GREAT Britain's bid to win the oldest sporting trophy in the world has been given a helping hand by construction machinery maker JCB.

The Staffordshire company has In a Station state of equipment to the team attempting to win the America's Cup yacht race.
Headed by Olympic gold medallist Sir Ben Ainslie, the Land Royer BAR.

team is bidding to become the first British team to win the cup in its 166-

British team to win the cup in its 166-year history.

The JCB kit has been put to use at the home of Land Rover BAR in Portsmouth and at its temporary base in Bermuda.

Sir Ben, the team principal and skipper, said: "The 35th America's Cup will be fought out against some of the best sailors in the world.

"Knowing we have the support of a iconic engineering company in 

water need the best equipment to allow us to perform at this level, this



Sir Ben Ainslie with a JCB Teletruk which has been loaned to the team

partnership really allows us to do that."

JCB chairman Lord Bamford said: "To have the opportunity to support a British team in this legendary event with our machinery is very exciting

Both Land Rover BAR and JCB focus on innovation and bringing

together the best engineering talent success against the competition in Bermuda."

It was in June 2014 that Sir Ben announced the formation of a team to

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compete in the America's Cup.
Initially called Ben Ainslie Racing

(BAR), it was renamed Land Rover BAR in 2015 and is made up of some of the best British and international sailors, designers and builders. The America's Cup takes place tomorrow (Friday) in Hamilton, Bermuda.

● A fleet of more than 20 Stafford-shire-built JCB machines is playing a starring role in a cult film following the biggest product placement project

in the company's history.
Skid steers loaders, Loadall telescopic handlers and JS excavators were supplied to 20th Century Fox for the making of the new Alien Covered film. enant film.

enant film.
Starring alongside Michael Fass-bender and Katherine Waterston, the machines are wrapped in stunning gold – the idea of British film direc-tor and producer Ridley Scott who

wanted to give them a futuristic look.

JCB worldwide marketing director
Michael Plummer said: "This is the
biggest product placement exercise in
JCB's history and involved more than

£1 million worth of machines.

"Ridley Scott's idea to wrap the machines in gold delivered a stunning result," he added.

COUPLES looking to get hitched in the coming months have been warned not to leave themselves open to wedding

to leave themselves open to weeding services fraud. Staffordshire Police has advised peo-ple to make purchases on credits cards to protect themselves; take extra care when dealing with companies that only operate through social media; take out

operate through social media; take out wedding insurance; research businesses before making an agreement; and meet people such as photographers in person. Community engagement officer Paula James said: "With the upcoming wedding season, and for those individuals who are considering making plans for next year and beyond, you should be aware of the potential risks of fraud involved. "With wedding costs running into the thousands and involving multiple vendors, by following the prevention advice below could minimise the likelihood of fraud. "Paying by credit card will provide you with protection under Section 75 of

"Paying by credit card will provide you with protection under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, for purchases above £100 and below £30,000. This means that even if a company goes into liquidation, you could claim a refund through your credit card company. "Ensure you obtain a physical address and contact details for the vendor and verify this information."



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competitions.
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The Men v Food challenges are at midday, 2pm and 3.30pm with three different contests each day – Men V s Meat, Men Vs Heat and Pairs Vs Treat.

The entry fee will be £5 and will be donated to a local charity.

Tim Rushton, host of the Men V Food Challenges, said: "They are really popular and are a good watch with the crowd cheering the contestants on.

"The meat challenge is six minutes to each as much sausage as you can.

each as much sausage as you can.

"Once they have eaten all they can, they have to down a pint of cider within the time limit, otherwise their entry doesn't count. The winner is the person who has eaten the most sausage and

who has eaten the most sausage and drank the pint all within the time.

"We had one man in Yorkshire eat seventy nine inches."

Other events on offer include free circus skills, free kids crafts as well as some children's rides and there will be live music throughout the day.

For more information visit www.greatbritishfoodfestival.com

# Gang of drug dealers jailed for Bake Off main 27 ingredient of a total of more than 51 years

A GANG of drug dealers have been jailed for more than 51 years for 'fuelling drug crime' in Staffordshire.

The men, who are all part of the same organised crime group, were sentenced to a total of 51 years and seven months for conspiracy to supply Class A drugs in Hednesford, Cannock and Rugeley.

Detectives gathered intelligence as

Detectives gathered intelligence as part of Operation Nemesis on members of the gang, who come from Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Walsall, after stopping a number of vehicles and searching them in the Cannock area. Tens of thousands of pounds worth of drugs and cash were seized, along with other high-value items including Rolex watches.

Rocks of crack coesine were discovered to the control of the control Rocks of crack cocaine were discov-

ered concealed inside Kinder eggs, and the court heard that group leader Dharmesh Patel, aged 33, of Shale Street, Bilston, tried to run away prior to his arrest, threw away parts of a mobile phone and swallowed a SIM card. All of the men pleaded guilty at earlier hearings to con-



August 10, 2015 in Rugeley.

spiracy to supply cocaine and crack cocaine between April 10, 2014 and

Patel was described as the leader of the group, with all other members except Leon Morton described as

performing significant roles. Morton was involved in one of the incidents.



During a search of Patel's address, £42,000 was seized, as well as an individual Rolex watch worth £12,600. At a search of Jamaine McFarlane's address 278 rocks of crack were found, along with 143g of crack cocaine and

Judge Mark Eades told the men:

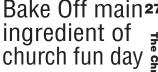
and lives are wrecked." Chief Insp Geoff Knight, commander of Cannock Chase local policing team, said: "All of these men played a significant role in fuelling drug crime in south Staf-fordshire. I hope this serves as a clear warning to others." Patel was sentenced at Stafford Crown Court on Thursday to 12 years and six months

and six months.

Crown Court on Thursday to 12 years and six months.

Martin Charleton Kelly, 44, of Holyoake Place, Rugeley, was sentenced to eight years and one month. Christopher Mayers, 30, of Cedar Crescent, Rugeley, was sentenced to six years and three months.

Morton, 30, of Hazel Grove, St Chads, Bilston, was sentenced to four years. Daniel Nelson, 36, of Barracks Lane, Walsall, was sentenced to four years and six months. Matthew Adderley, 37, of Waterbrook Way, Bridgtown, Cannock, was sentenced to four years. McFarlane, 31, of Heantun Rise, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, was sentenced to six years. Andrew Junior Chambers, 45, of Slade Road, Wolverhampton, was sen-Road, Wolverhampton, was sentenced to six years and three months.



THE parish of Brereton and Rugeley is holding a family day on June 17 from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

10.30am to 3.30pm.

Organisers say there will be 'lots for all the family', with one of the main features of the day being the Great Children's Cake Bake Off competition. There are three categories – four scones, four cupcakes and a small celeptation cake with a 'summer fun' theme for age groups are 4-7, 8-11 and 12-16.

The Bake Off competition will be judged by Christopher Harris, senior confectioner at Hindleys of Lichfield.

There are prizes for each category.

Contectioner at Hindleys of Lichneid.

There are prizes for each category.

The entry form can be downloaded from www.breretonandrugeleyparish.co.uk
Other attractions at the event at St
Augustine's Church, Rugeley, include the Staffordshire Corps of Drums and
Lea Hall Brass Band Lea Hall Brass Band

Local schools are getting pupils ready to perform on stage, and there will be a bouncy castle, a maypole, stalls for games and activities for the whole family, and tea and cakes will be served throughout the day. The local fire and rescue services will be at the event, showing off their equipment and giving advice on keeping homes safe. Rev David Evans, team rector for the

Rev David Evans, team rector for the Brereton and Rugeley parish, said: "The parish family day will be a great way to bring the communities together."





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## Haunting tale still a chiller

The Woman in Black Wolverhampton Grand SUSAN Hill's ghost story about a vengeful spirit has been turned into a TV dra-

been turned into a TV dra-ma, a hit movie and a popu-lar play that's been running in London's West End for quarter of a century. The story is told again in the touring production of the late Stephen Malla-tratt's study in terror. It tells of an Edwardian solicitor, Arthur Kipps, who encounters The Woman in Black when sorting out the affairs of a deceased client affairs of a deceased client in a remote mansion on an island in the marshes.

island in the marshes.

In Mallatratt's ingenious version, the older Kipps attempts to exorcise his terrifying experience by employing an actor to help him tell his tale to an audience of family and friends.

But there is a macabre twist

But there is a macabre twist.
With few props, a sometimes ear-splitting soundscape and atmospheric lighting in which threatening shadows loom, Matthew Spencer's enthusiastic Actor and David Actor's reticent Kipps conjure up the tragic tale of a bitter and malevolent shock.

tale of a bitter and malevo-lent ghost.

They weave in some light relief, thanks to an im-agined dog and a few digs at the craft of acting.

There is a third cast mem-ber, of whom it is not wise to say too much, but her appearances will produce a shudder.

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dozen jump in your seat mo-

ments.
The Woman in Black continues to haunt the Grand
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## Tommy – hear this, feel this potent show

Tommy, Birmingham Rep
SEE me, feel me, touch me, heal me – the
haunting refrain returns again and again in
this powerful and poignant version of The
Who's rock opera Tommy.
First created by Pete Townsend as a concept album in 1969, revamped as a flamboyant movie by Ken Russell in '75, it now
makes a rare sortie to the stage in this delirjous, soulfully sung production with theatre

makes a rare sortie to the stage in this deurious, soulfully sung production with theatre company Ramps on the Moon.

Ramps are an inclusive company of deaf, disabled and non-disabled actors and musicians, and this is their strength as they bring innovation to the story about a 'deaf, dumb and blind kid', staged on a street metallic set Sim language is weaved. a stark metallic set. Sign language is weaved into movement and dance as the woefully abused Tommy retreats into his own world after the murder of his RAF airman father—

until becoming a Pinball Wizard, a messiah figure for the counter-culture. The singing is stunning. Natasha Lewis (in various roles) and Shekinah McFarlane (as the voice of Tommy's mother, played

by Donna Mullings) brought soul power to the rock score. Julien Capolei and Mat-thew Jacobs-Morgan sang for Tommy, the plaintive William Grint. Credit also to the singing of Alim Jayda as stepdad Frank and Amy Trigg as Tommy's only friend, Sally. The uncomfortable 'Fiddle About' scene

in which Tommy is sexually abused by his Uncle Ernie (Garry Robson) is creepily sug-gested. Lukas Alexander is a whirling de-monic presence as the bully Cousin Kevin.

The star turn has to be theatre veteran Peter Straker as the formidable Acid Queen, presented as an over-the-hill drag act, who is gifted a new song from Townsend, Acid Queen 2. Straker doesn't hold back.

Queen 2. Straker doesn't hold back.

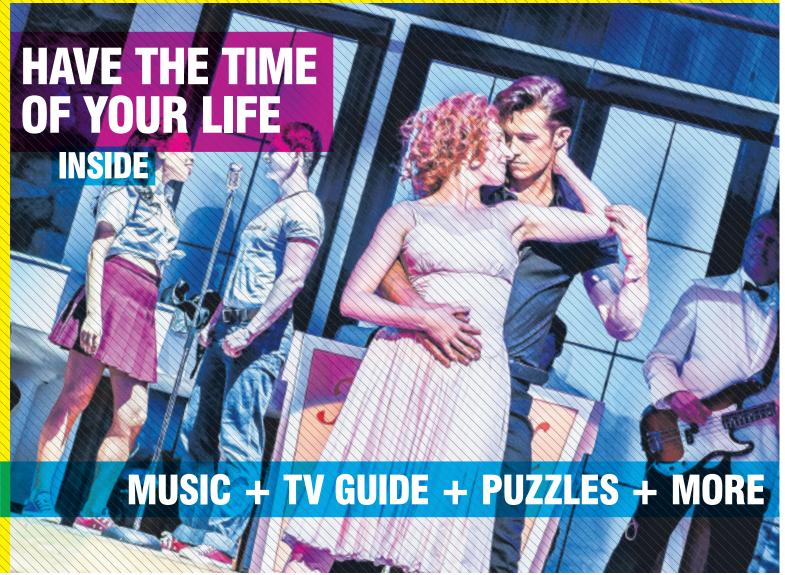
Tommy is a manic musical, flawed but fascinating with some great tunes. I doubt there will be many better productions of it than this, at Birmingham Rep to Saturday.



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# quick-stepped

t didn't take Carlie Milner long to agree to star in Dirty Dancing. The all-singing, all-dancing performer was delighted to play Penny Johnson.

And who can blame her. Dirty Dancing, which runs Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to June 3, remains one of the nation's favourites.

Exploding with heart-pounding music, breathtaking emotion and sensationally sexy dancing, the film version has been seen by millions across the globe. The worldwide smash hit tells the classic story of Baby

and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds, who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Featuring 35 hit songs, including Hungry Eyes, Hey Baby, Do You Love Me? and the heart stopping (I've Had) The Time Of My Life, it remains a true classic.

Carlie says: "It was one very quick chat with agent and

we agreed that we'd do it. That was it."

She was formerly with Birmingham Royal Ballet, where she starred in Sleeping Beauty, and she also played in English National Ballet's Swan Lake, at the Royal Albert Hall. Stepping up as Penny Johnson has been a blessing

and she's been on the road with it, off and on, since 2014.
"Yes, I started with it a few years ago. I was doing the old production and now we're back with a brand new interpretation of the show. I did the show for a year and a half and then I joined this production and we started rehearsals in June last year.
"Despite doing the show before, it's like doing a whole

new show. I've really worked on the part and made it my own. It was a no brainer really."

The response from audiences has been ecstatic and Carlie thinks the musical has the perfect blend of comedy, drama and music to keep people

"It's a cult classic, it's got a huge following, as does the film, and that lends flavour to the theatre version. It appeals to more than just a theatre goer. You get people of all different ages going. It's lovely and there's the double nostalgia, with the show being set in the 60s but having lots of 80s music. It appeals to a wide audience and I think it will always be that way.

"The thing about Dirty Dancing is that it remains so current. I had the TV on last night and there was an advert and the first thing was the Dirty Dancing steps. It's always on TV. Every couple of months, you'll switch on and it's there. This production is a similar thing. I don't think it will go away. I know every show has to have a rest but then it comes back stronger.

"We had a new choreographer and a new director, new steps and I guess I had a break of six to eight months between shows. It's kind of nice coming back and seeing what else I can bring to it."

Carlie copes well with being away from

home and describes herself as a good tourer. She's used to the routine of packing her suitcase each Sunday and hitting the road.

"It's a tough schedule but it's great. You just have to get on with it. You kind of accept that part of it. I'm on the move for a year and get home when I can.

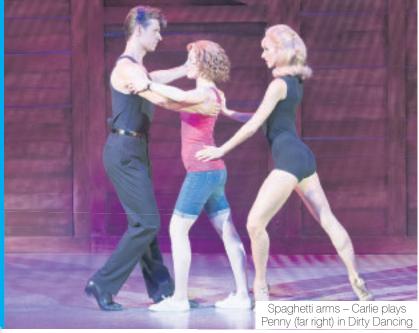
"I like to think I'm pretty disciplined. Not to blow

smoke up my own backside but you have to look after yourself and put work before play, if you're feeling tired. The more discipline you have the better. It's such a physical show and is so demanding.

She's looking forward to returning to Birmingham, where she was a student at the BRB. She learned a huge amount from the internationally-renowned

troupe.
"BRB is a different world compared to musical theatre, certainly in terms of dance. You learn nothing treatly value my time working with but professionalism. I really value my time working with those companies at such a young age. It was great. It was invaluable. I feel like I've taken that into the other jobs and it was incredible to be in that. "And to be in Swan Lake at the Albert Hall, a

phenomenal theatre, surrounded by 40 other swans



was insane. I'll never forget it. It was absolutely

"I started off in ballet school and I wanted to do classical and that's what I did for the first few years. Like a lot of people who go through this, your options change through the years. Four

years ago I decided to get involved in musical theatre. It was quite challenging after coming from a classical background. Carlie fell into the role of Penny

with ease, after understudying her character for a yearand-a-half. "It's something that I've always wanted to do, so to be able to call that role my own was great because I had really enjoyed it previously. In the old show I played Penny quite a lot as an understudy because unfortunately the main cast member suffered an

"I'm quite lucky with the fact that Dirty Dancing is heavily dance based but I do really love all the acting as well. If I told myself four years ago that I would be playing Penny on a national tour I wouldn't have believed myself. This is the highlight of mv career.

"It really is the film on stage. We throw a little bit extra in there and you have live singing and group singing parts which don't really feature in the film. It's a theatrical twist on the original."
Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story On

Stage originally opened at London's Aldwych Theatre in 2006 with a record-breaking advance of £15 million, making it the fastestever selling show in West End theatre history The production became the longest running show in the history of the Aldwych Theatre and played to over two million people during its triumphant five-year run.
It has become a worldwide phenomenon,

with productions staged in the USA, Canada, Germany, Australia, the Netherlands, Sweden, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore and throughout Europe, consistently breaking box office records.

## It's a tough schedule but it's great. You just have to get on with it

Recent sell out tours include France, Germany and Australia

The first ever UK tour of Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story On Stage, launched in 2011 and then returned to the West End in 2013 playing at the Piccadilly Theatre in London, prior to launching a second UK and Ireland tour.

The new production also features Lewis Griffiths, as Johnny Castle. Lewis has had a prolific career in musical theatre, most recently starring as Nick Massi on the UK tour of Jersey Boys. Other roles in UK tours include Ghost and Legally Blonde, and West End credits include Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Rent and Whistle Down the

It also features Katie Hartland, as Baby Houseman. Katie made her professional musical theatre debut carrying the watermelons as Baby Houseman, having graduated from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in 2015.

The show is set in the summer of 1963, and 17 year-old Frances 'Baby' Houseman is about to learn some major lessons in life as well as a thing or two about dancing. On holiday in New York's Catskill Mountains with her older sister and parents, she shows little interest in the resort activities, and instead discovers her own entertainmen when she stumbles across an all-night dance party at the staff quarters.

Mesmerised by the raunchy dance moves and the pounding rhythms, Baby can't wait to be part of the scene, especially when she catches sight of Johnny Castle the resort dance instructor.

A show not to be missed.

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## Grease – the one that u want back on sta

Grease is the word at Birmingham Hippodrome where the latest tour of the much-loved rock 'n' roll musical arrives on Monday.

The show, which runs until June 3, is bringing a special guest for the cameo role of Teen Angel Jimmy Osmond – who played that part in the West End production.

Tom Parker, formerly of boy band The Wanted, will make his musical theatre debut as Danny Zuko, the role made famous in the movie by the young John Travolta. Danielle Hope, who was Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium after winning TV's Over The Rainbow, will step into Olivia Newton-John's high heel shoes as Sandy. Danielle was also recently seen in Hippodrome panto Dick Whittington

The role of wisecracking Rizzo will be played by EastEnders and The Bill star Louisa Lytton, one of the youngest Strictly Come Dancing competitors in 2006.

Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's musical, featuring such songs as You're The One That I Want, Summe Nights, Greased Lightnin' and Hopelessly Devoted To You, has been choreographed by Arlene Phillips and directed by David Gilmore, who was also at the helm

for stage versions of Happy Days and Footloose A saucy feel-good romantic musical set in an American high school during the rock 'n' roll era, Grease is one of the most popular shows. This award-winning production opened in the West End in 1993, where it had a six year run, and has toured ever since Visit birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338

5000. Grease will also visit Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from November 27 to December 2





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## Dance delight from breaks to ballet

Hot on the heels of last weekend's B-Side Hip-Hop Festival in and around Birmingham Hippodrome, the UK's biggest festival of Hip Hop Dance, Breakin' Convention, comes to Birmingham bringing jaw-dropping performances from around the

world and around the corner.
On Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, at Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Breakin' Convention includes performances from international hip hop dance crews including Soweto Skeleton Movers (from South Africa), Just Dance (South Korea) and all-female crew Tentacle Tribe (Canada).

In addition to the headline international acts, local crews, DJs, graffiti art and freestyle jams will

transform The Rep's fover making Breakin' Convention an experience rather than just a show.

Now in its 14th year, Breakin' Convention has firmly established itself as one of the major highlights on the British dance calendar. It is hosted and curated by UK hip hop pioneer Jonzi D, pictured, who said The Birmingham hip hop scene is one of the best in the UK, it's always been hype!"
The festival includes the

best from the West Midlands including Rhythm Junkiez Dance Company from Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham companies Jigsaw Collective, Broken Silence, Marshon Cadets, plus 2014 UDO world street dance champions Street Dance Academy.

The two-day festival is suitable for all ages and includes B-Totz for under 10. For full details see breakinconvention.com. tickets start from £10, call 0121 236 4455.

Tonight (Friday) and tomorrow the seductive world of Argentine tango is explored in Milonga at Birmingham Hippodrome, in which Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui brings his unique vision to tango with a cast of

17 performers.

Meanwhile, Northern Ballet bring their new production by Daniel de Andrade, based on the heartbreaking story of The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday plus, for younger audiences, Goldilocks on Wednesday afternoon.

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## Home inspiration for Saint Ėtienne

Saint Etienne emerged in 1990 with a gentle nceloor-orientated und as Britpop oloded all around them. Charting with Joir Our Club and You're in Bad Way, the trio of inger Sarah Cracknell singer Sarah Cracknell (pictured) with Bob Stanley and Pete Wiggs won fans with the albums Foxbase Alpha, So Tough and Tiger Bay. Five years on from their last album, they return with 16 new songs on Home Counties, released on June 2. They have a gig at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday, June 4.

## Punk and metal rule at Slam Dunk

It's Slam Dunk Saturday this weekend with the rock festival's line-up at Birmingham NEC now in excess of

The Slam Dunk Festival, which is also held at Leeds and Hatfield over the weekend, used to be held at Wolverhampton Civic Halls, It's an annual celebration of punk, ska, emo and metal music. Bands will be

performing on eight stages. Headliners include Enter Shikari – marking ten years since debut album Take To The Skies – plus Bowling for Soup, Neckdeep, Tonight Alive, Against Mel, Memphis May Fire and Nottingham's Area 11.
They will be performing alongside such favourites as Don Broco, Deaf Havana, Beartooth, Japan's Crossfaith, Reel Big Fish, We The Kings and Less Than Jake. See slamdunkmusic.com for the latest

#### CHOICE



wendolen Chatfield Jane Austen: Behind Closed

Historian Lucy Worsley embarks on a road-trip across England to take in some of the places Jane Austen lived in and visited during her lifetime. She aims to demonstrate how Jane's personal experiences influenced the central themes of home and property in her novels, and makes use of detective-work to recreate some of the most important locations that no longer stand. She begins in Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire, retracing a journey that marked one of the many times the Austens veered wildly between wealth and genteel poverty mirroring the Dashwoods of Sense and Sensibility, Lucy also travels from Jane's birthplace in Steventon, Hampshire, to her brother's grand estate.

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 1.00 BBC News; Weather: 1.15 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 2.00 The FA Cup Show. 4.00 BBC News. 4.10 Regional Programme. 4.15 MOTD Live: FA Cup Final Build-Up. 5.15 MOTD Live: FA Cup Final Build-Up. 5.15 MOTD Live: FA Cup Final Arsenal v Chelsea (Kick-off 5.30pm).

5.30pm).
7.45 Doctor Who. The Doctor, Bill and Nardole find themselves in the middle of a war-zone, as Chinese, Russian and American forces stand poised to clash. At the centre of the field of battle is a centre of the field of battle is a 5,00-year-old pyramid, and while there are many problems with the situation presented, the Doctor is concerned with only one – there was no pyramid there yesterday. With the three opposing forces promising mutually assured destruction, and every clock in the world counting down to Earth's ruin, an offer of help arrives in the form of a message from an alien race. To avoid annihilation. race. To avoid annihilation, humanity must willingly become slaves for their would-be saviours Sci-fi drama, starring Peter Capaldi and Matt Lucas.

Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know hout a divers which bout a given subject.

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9.15 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes looks after a robotic baby that has been given to Dermot and Maria to help them prepare for their new arrival, and Cathy develops a crush on her psychology lecturer. (R)

9.45 BBC News; Weather.; National

10.05 Clique. Holly remains suspicious about the clique, despite now being at its heart, and a climactic being at its heart, and a climatic encounter during a night out tests friendships – both new and old – to breaking point. 10.50 Clique. Holly worst fears are confirmed, just as she is beginning to settle into her new life in

to settle into ner new life in Edinburgh, and tensions mount during a party to celebrate Georgia's achievements at Solasta. 11.35 MOTD: FA Cup Final Highlights. Arsenal v Chelsea. Action from the showplece match at Wembley Stadium.

12.10 Film: Swingers. (1996) 1.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.50 BBC News.

#### BBC2

**6.15 Film:** City Beneath the Sea. (1970) **7.45** Deborah Kerr: Talking Pictures. (R 7.45 Deborah Kerr. Talking Pictures. (R) 3.20 Film: The Prisoner of Zenda. (1952) 10.00 Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape. (R) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Great British Menu. (R) 12.30 Great British Menu. (R) 10.00 Film: Camelot. (1967) Musical, starring Richard Harris. 4.20 Flog It! (R) 5.00 Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World. Documentary telling how the world's smallest animals manage to survive, revealing how they have evolved extraordinary skills and achieved mindboggling feats. Hugh Dennis mindboggling feats. Hugh Dennis

6.00 Golf: PGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third day of the European Tour's flagship event from Wentworth in Surrey. With commentary by Pete Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew

7.00 Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life

mexico: Earin 8 restrival of Line Exploring the wildlife, landscape and culture in three distinct areas of the country. (R) RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017. Coverage of the annual horticultural event, which takes place in the west London district.

Jane Austen: Behind Closed
Doors. Lucy Worsley embarks on
a road-trip across England to visit
some of the many places that informed the central themes of home and property in Jane Austen's novels.

10.00 Film: Quartet. (2012) Three former opera singers prepare for their annual concert to mark Verdi's birthday and raise funds for their retirement home. However, this year, a famous diva has joined the group, and her history with the others threatens the performance. Comedy drama,

the performance. Comedy drama, directed by Dustin Hoffman and starring Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins and Michael Gambon.

11.30 Versailles. William of Orange "tempts" the King to take the field against his Dutch army, so Queen Marie-Therese takes charge while Louis XIV is away at war; (R) Inside Versailles.

Inside Versailles.
12.30 Film: Easy Money. (2010) A student, a fugitive and a Mob enforcer's lives overlap through their involvement in organised crime. Thriller, with Joel Kinnaman, Matias Varela and Dragomir Mrsic. 2.30 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.25 Sooty. Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.25 Sooty. (R) 6.35 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.00 Oddbods. (R) 7.05 Super 4. (R) 7.20 Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) 7.45 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 8.10 Ben 10. 8.25 IT VANUES 8.30 Weekend 9.25 7.45 Thunderbirds Are So. (R) 8.10 Ben 10. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Home Game. (R) 10.20 Judge Rinder. (R) 11.15 Tipping Point. (R) 12.20 ITV News: Weather. 12.30 Bigheads. (R) 1.30 The Chase. (R) 2.30 Film: Mission: Impossible. (1996) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. 4.35 Catchphrase. (R) 5.20 Britain's Got More Talent.

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

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 1.25 Take Me Out. An account manager from Leeds, a housing executive from Belfast, a professional BMX rider from Portsmouth and an IT manager from Exeter try to impress 30 women and win a date. 8.00 Britain's Got Talent. The

Britain's Got Talent. The nationwide talent contest's audition phase draws to a close, as Ant and Den bring out one last batch of would-be stars to perform in front of judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, David Walliams and Amanda Holden. So far, Amanda, Alesha Simon, and Aut and Dec Affiailud Holledis. So fail, Affiailud, Alesha, Simon, and Ant and Dec have all made use of their Golden Buzzer privileges to send four acts directly through to the live semifinals, with David remaining true to form and holding back on form and noticing back on throwing his support behind any one performance until late in the audition process. Regardless, tonight will see the judges pick one last set of performers to bring the total of shortlisted acts to 35, before the silicenst less of the second part of the silicenst less of the silice before the elimination process gets under way with the first live semi-final on Monday.

The Keith and Paddy Picture Show. Keith Lemon and Paddy McGuinness present their version of Jaws, guest starring Stephen Tompkinson, Myleene Klass and Hank Osasuna.

9.50 Film: Jaws. (1975) A seaside town's police chief has to deal with a giant killer shark preying on tourists. Steven Spielberg's thriller, starring Roy Scheider.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: Jaws. (1975) Concluded 12.25 Jackpot247. 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

6.05 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. 6.30 Monaco Historic Grand Prix 2016. (R) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Lows Raymond, (R) 7.55 Everyhördy
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Sun: Summer Sun. (R) 4.30 Big House,
Little House. 5.35 Location, Location,
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6.30 Channel 4 News

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Pernbroke's medieval city walls—
and has finally taken on the
challenge of finishing the job.
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Consenzation laws have channel nis architect drew up the plans, conservation laws have changed, threatening to shut down the project for good. George unravels this local landmark's 500-year-old secrets, finding its place in key chapters in English and Welsh history – but has the gazebo hundre's sero findly came to an tower's story finally come to an end? (R)

8.00 Walks with My Dog. Ben Fogle

Walks with My Dog. Ben Fogle takes his Labrador along the banks of the Thames, beginning in Marlow, while broadcaster Emma Kennedy and her maltipoo puppy visit the Lake District. Plus, Helen Sketton and her dog Barney embark on a voyage of discovery in Dumfries and Galloway, on Scotland so-called "secret coast".

Scotland so-called "secret coast".

9.06 Film: The World's End. (2013) A

40-year-old man who refuses to
grow up drags four reluctant
childhood friends back to their
home town to recreate a pub crawl
they attempted in their teppe. A they attempted in their teens. As they work their way round the 12 local bars, they stumble on a threat to the entire human race. Sci-fi comedy, starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost.

Pegg and Nick Frost.

11.10 Film: Die Hard 2. (1990) A lone cop battles terrorists who have taken over an airport to force the release of a convicted drug baron Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia.

1.25 Ramsav's Kitchen Nightmares USA

#### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 The Fairly OddParents. (R) 10.45 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) 11.10 Police Laugn Uut Loud. (K) 11.10 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad. (K) 12.05 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) 1.05 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) 2.05 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) 2.05 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) 3.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) 4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 5.00 Can't Take It Away. (R) 6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

**SATURDAY'S TV MAY 27** 

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In Staffordshire, the agents chase up a £3,000 deposit owed by a landlord to his tenant, and officers landlord to his tenant, and officers in Birmingham try to recover £25,000 from a nightclub owner for unpaid solicitor fees.
Meanwhile, agents Max and Paul are in Surrey as they attempt to collect more than £3,000 owed to a garage after a customer disputed the repairs made to his van. (R)

the repairs made to his van. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South

Africa. Action from the second

one-dayer in the three-match

series, held at the Ageas Bowl in

Southampton, as the sides

warmed up for the ICC Champions

Trophy. With commentary from

Geoffrey Boycott, Simon Hughes,

Michael Vaughan, Graeme Smith

and Mark Nicholas.

and Mark Niciolas.

5 News Weekend.

NCIS: Los Angeles. Part one of two. The agents investigate when two men are killed at a gun shop, but soon discover one of their colleagues could be at risk

8.55 NCIS. The team, alongside the FBI and MI6, continues the international manhunt for a disgraced British spy, while a colleague fights for their life in the

9.50 NCIS: Act of Vengeance. Feature length episode. The team reels in the wake of the terrorist attack, but tries to avenge Kate's death by collecting as much information as possible on Ari before he does any more damage. Meanwhile, Gibbs learns one of his old flames has been named as the new NCIS director, (R)

11.40 Undercover Benefits Cheat, Paul 11.40 Undercover Benefits Cheat. Paul Connolly goes undercover as a benefits claimant in order to expose fraudsters, beginning with those who claim housing support while subletting.

12.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Film: The Punisher. (1989) 4.40 Access. (R) 4.50 House Doctor. (R) 5.15 Widdlife SOS. (R)

#### DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Saints and Sinners: Britain's
Millennium of Monasteries 8.00 Nature's
Great Events 9.00 Hinterland 10.30 Top
of the Pops: 1983 12.00 The Joy of the Bee Gees 1.00 Bee Gees at the BBC and Beyond 2.00 Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special 3.30 Close

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11.55 River Monsters 1.00 Road Racing

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12.00 The Goldbergs 2.30 Rude(ish)
Tube Shorts 2.40 The Big Bang Theory
6.45 Film: The Three Musketeers (2011)
9.00 Film: The A-Team (2010) 11.25
Gogglebox 1.35 Rude Tube 2.35 Tattoo
Fixers 3.25 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD

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1.00 Casper (1995) 3.05 Napoleon
Dynamite (2004) 4.55 Johnny English
(2003) 6.35 Beautiful Creatures (2013)
9.00 The Day After Tomorrow (2004)
climatologist races across America to rescue his son as freak weather conditions cause devastation around the world. Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal. 11.25 Insidious (2010) 1.30 The Haunting in Connecticut (2009) 3.40

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#### CHOICE



#### The Handmaid's Tale (Channel 4, 9pm)

New series, Dystopian drama based on Margaret Atwood's novel about a future American theocracy, in which declining birth rates have led to a new social order, where the few remaining fertile women are kept as slaves to carry children for the regime's leaders. Elisabeth Moss stars as one of these women, who struggles to cope with her repressive existence and the resentment of her owner's wife. Joseph Fiennes, Yvonne Strahovski, Alexis Bledel, Madeline Brewer, Ann Dowd, O-T Fagbenle, Max Minghella, Samira Wiley, Amanda Brugel also sta

#### BBC1

6.00 Braakfast. 8.25 MOTD: FA Cup Final Highlights. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.15 Money for Nothing. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.45 Shop Well for Less? (R) 4.45 Points of View. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 Fscane to the Country. 5.35 Escape to the Country. (R)

- 6.05 BBC News.
- 6.20 Regional Programme
- Countryfile. A round-up of reports on spring, including the return of tulips to Lincolnshire's farmlands, an influx of migrating jellyfish in Cornwall and a visit to Exeter's livestock market.

  7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce
- presents the show from an 18th-century cotton mill on the banks of the River Clyde, where a painting is a reminder of its owner's uncomfortable family secret.
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  Damilola, Our Loved Boy. In November 2000, 10-year-old schoolboy Damilola Taylor was attacked and fatally wounded in Peckham, south London, a death hat shocked the nation. This feature-length drama reveals the personal stories behind the headlines, exploring Damilola's journey from Lagos to London, and Showing how Richard and Gloria Taylor coped with their personal lives as well as the pressure of the media as they lought for justice for the killing of fought for justice for the killing of their son. Babou Ceesay, Wunmi Mosaku and Sammy Kamara star,
- 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional Programme

10.35 Room 101 - Extra Storage. Extended version of the comedy panel show in which Frank Skinni invites Claudia Winkleman, John Humphrys and Russell Kane to compete for the chance of banishing their pet hates. (R)

- 11.15 Murder in Successville. Comedy starring Tom Davis as DI Sleet, who enlists the help of a genuine famous sidekick to solve the latest high-profile murder. Last in the
- series.

  11.45 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game.

  12.20 Film: Lucky Them. (2013) 1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.55 BBC News.

6.15 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) 7.15 The Instant Gardener. (R) 8.00 (R) 7.15 The Instant Gardener. (R) 8.00 The Beechgrove Garden. 8.00 Countryfile. (R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 Great British Menu. (R) 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 11.30 Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Coverage of the 15th staging of the event. 2.30 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. 3.30 Rowing: European Championships Highlights. 5.00 Athletics: Great Manchester Run Highlights.

- 6.00 Golf: PGA Championship. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the final day of the European Tour's flagship event from Wentworth in Surrey. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown and Andrew
- 7.00 Dragons' Den. Evan Davis presents the business ideas contest, as regular panelists Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Sarah Willingham, Touker Suleyman and Nick Jenkins consider the profit-making potential of wearable maps, interference-free guitar cables and keys for manhole covers. However, this last scheme comes from an entrepreneur who has previously come to the edge of bankruptcy.
- 8.00 The Life Swap Adventure. New series. Volunteers trade places with people from other countries, hoping to gain a new outlook on noping to gain a new outlook on life when they return. John, an overworked fire officer from Essex who worries he does not spend enough time with his children and grandchildren, swaps homes with a farmer from Malawi who envies Western technology and fears for his family's future.
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  9.00 Paul Hollywood's Big Continental
  Road Trip. New series. he Bake Off
  judge takes a series of road trips
  across different countries in
  Europe, driving some of the most
  famous cars made in each nation famous cars made in each nation he visits. The first episode comes from Italy, where Paul takes a sixday journey with a different car for each day, beginning in Rome where he is joined by Strictly Come Dancing's Brun Tonioli.

  10.00 White Gold. (R)
- 10.30 Film: The Damned United. (2009)
- Fact-based drama.

  12.00 Film: Easy Money II. (2012) 1.35
  Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 2.35
  Holby City. (R) 3.35 This Is BBC Two.

- 6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.25 Sooty.
- Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6, 28 Sodty. (R) 6, 38 Spars a Story. (R) 6, 38 Spars a Story. (R) 6, 40 Dinn 0 Am. Trek's Adventures. (R) 6, 50 Dinn 0 Am. Trek's Adventures. (R) 7, 00 Oddbods. (R) 7, 05 Super 4, (R) 7, 20 Marvel 4 venegers Assemble. (R) 7, 20 Marvel 4 venegers Assemble. (R) 7, 25 Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) 10, 00 Peston on Sunday. 10, 55 Judge Rinder. (R) 11, 55 Judge Rinder. (R) 11, 55 Judge Rinder. (R) 11, 55 Judge Rinder. (R) 10, 10 Peston on Sunday. 10, 55 Tipping Point. (R) 2, 05 The Chase. (R) 3, 05 Britain's Got Tallent. (R) 4, 15 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond sypa dventure, starring Roger Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.
- 6.40 Regional Programme; Weather.
- 7.00 Bigheads. Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show in which the winning contestants from the past five episodes return to compete in a final series of bizarre physical challenges while wearing giant model heads of celebrities, with a convertible car as the grand prize. With commentary from Jenny Powell and Kriss Akabusi. Last in the series.
- 8.00 The Durrells. The family's maid goes into labour, so Leslie sends Larry to fetch Dr Petrices. However, he finds the doctor occupied, as he is in the middle o delivering his own wife's baby. Hugh has a proposition for a startled Leonora, which she promises to think about, but an startied Leonora, which she promises to think about – but an altercation with Vasilia nearly ends in tragedy for them both. Donald attacks a rival suitor for Margo – who finds herself quite delighted by the thought of two men fighting over her – while Theo and Gerry make a discovery at the otters' den. Last in the series for Last in the series g.00 Grantchester. Sidney resolves to resign from the church so he can
- resign from the church so he can marry Amanda. However, a child abduction and Geordie's family problems make him see how much he is needed. I ast in the
- 10.00 ITV News: Weather
- 10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine. (R) 11.20 Premiership Rugby Union.
- 12.15 Lethal Weapon. (R) 1.00 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

#### CHANNEL 4

7.30 Frasier. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.00 Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Build-Up. Previewing the sulth round of the season. 12.35 Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the sixth round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.10 Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix Live Reaction. A review of the sixth round of the season. 4.30 World's Most Expensive Cars. 5.30 George Clarke's Did House, New Home. (B).

- 7.00 The Supervet. Noel Fitzpatrick and his team return to provide more cutting-edge animal care. The professor's first patient is labradoodle Mitzi, who has been hit by a car—and Noel's biggest concern is that she may have suffered page demana. In the professor is that she may have concern is that she may have suffered nerve damage, leaving her owners fearing the worst. Options are limited for 10-month-old German pointer Hector, who is struggling to walk – he must undergo spinal surgery or face the prospect of being put to sleep, while a Leonberger with a cancerous leg undergoes an operation to remove the tumour. (F)
- 8 00 Cahins in the Wild with Dick Cabins in the Wild with Dick
  Strawbridge. Dick Strawbridge
  and Will Hardie visit a cabin
  inspired by a national coal pit and
  a modernist design made entirely
  from slate. Plus, a look at an
  airship-inspired cabin in Sussex.
- airship-inspired cabin in Sussex.

  9.00 The Handmaid's Tale. New series.
  Dystopian drama based on
  Margaret Alwood's novel about a
  future American theocracy,
  starring Elisabeth Moss as a
  woman who is kept as a slave
  purely for breeding.

  10.18 Goglebox. Capturing the
  households' instant reactions to
  what they are watching on D If from
- households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
- 11.15 Micky Flanagan: Back in the Game. The comedian performs to his home crowd at London's Hackney Empire, regaling his audience with tales of middle age marriage and a man's prerogative
- 12.50 Arnie's Greatest Ever Stunts. The 12.50 Armie's Greatest Ever Stunts. The actor examines the most speciacular stunts committed to film, ranking Hollywood set-pieces alongside standalone feats such as Felix Baumgartner's free fall to Earth. (R) 2.15 Film: Blue Ruin. (2014) 3.50 Location, Location, Location. (R)

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#### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Minkshake! Monkey.
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6.05 Mr Men. (R) 6.15 Peppa Pig. (R)
6.20 Peppa Pig. (R) 6.25 Wissper. (R)
6.35 Paw Patrol. (R) 6.45 Bo the
Builder. (R) 7.00 Fireman Sam. (R) 7.10
0ily the Little White Van. (R) 7.20 Paw Patrol.
7.45 Blaze and the Monster Machines.
(R) 8.05 Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R)
8.25 Wissper. (R) 8.35 Ben and Holly's
Little Kingdom. (R) 8.50 Shimmer and
Shine. (R) 9.05 Little Princess. (R) 9.20
Peppa Pig. (R) 9.30 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.40
Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.50
The Fairty OddParents. (R) 10.25 The
Gadget Show. (R) 11.20 Police
Interceptors. (R) 11.5 Police
Interceptors. (R) 1.15 Police
Interceptors. (R) 1.50 Most Shocking
Jaien Show Moments. (R)
7.55 S News Weekend.

#### 7.55 5 News Weekend

8.00 Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud. lain Lee narrates a Loud. Iain Lee narrates a compilation of internet videos involving holidays, including a daily sprint for the sunbeds and a man who thought he was filming Las Vegas but actually had the camera pointed at himself. Featuring contributions from comedians Dave Spikey, Zoe Lyons and David Mills.

9.00 When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong. And! Peters narrates a compilation of classic children's TV mishaps, featuring contributions from presenters including Sarah Greene, Sally

# contributions from presenters including Sarah Greene, Sally James, Pat Sharp, Gaz Top, Toby Anstis, as well las John Leson, the actor who played Rainbow's giant teddy bear Bungle, and who remembers his terrifying original costume. Plus, a campifie burning out of control in the Blue Peter studio and some inappropriate adverts.

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1.2.00 Football on 5: The Play-offs. 12.25
Dumb Drivers: Caught in the Act. Footage
of motorists and motorcyclists getting
into all sorts of scrapes. (R) 1.15
SuperCassino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10 Top 20 Funniest. A countdown of
the funniest video clips in America. (R)
3.55 Access. (R) 4.00 World's Most
Pampered Pets. Documentary about
people who spoil their pets. (R) 4.50
House Doctor. (R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.50 Roary the
Racing Car. (R)

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## DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Perfect Planists at the BBC 8.00
Radio 1's Big Weekend: Highlights 9.10
Kings of Leon Live at Radio 1's Big
Weekend 10.00 Arena: American Epic
11.00 Blues at the BBC 12.00 The Man
Who Brought the Blues to Britain Big Bill
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1.50 Nature 5 Great Events 2.50
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ITV3

12. 15 Film: Carry On Loving (1970) 1.15
FYI Daily 1.20 Film: Carry On Loving (1970) 2.10 Film: Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972) 3.45 Foyle's War 6.00 Midsomer Murders 8.00 Royal Stories 9.00 Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen 10.05 Law & Order: UK 12.05 Wire in the Blood 3.25 May the Best House Win 5.05 In Loving Memory 5.30 ITV3 Mightscreen 5.30 ITV3 Nightscree

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9.00 Film: Last Man Standing (1996)
10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 Film: Last Man
Standing (1996) 1.1.05 Film: United 93
(2006) 12.05 FYI Daily 12.10 Film:
United 93 (2006) 1.10 Premiership
Rugby Union 2.15 Tommy Cooper 2.50
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1.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 2.00 New Girl 2.30 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 2.50 Film: A 2.30 H.ude(Ish) Lube Shorts 2.50 F.lim: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) 4.30 F.lim: Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 Rude Tube 11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats 11.55 Tattoo Fixers 2.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.50 Rude Tube 3.40 Hollyoaks

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick 11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) 1.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) 2.55 The Dark Crystal (1982) 4.40 Small Sodiers (1988) 6.45 The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) 9.00 2 Guns (2013) 11.10 Odd Thomas (2013) 1.00 A Girl at My Door (2014) 3.30 Close

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Song for Marion, BBC2, 10.30pm

A grouchy old man has always been dismissive of his wife's role in the unconventional local choir. When she is diagnosed with a terminal illness and is no longer able to sing, he reluctantly agrees to take her place, a decision that dramatically changes his life and helps him through the hard times to come. Comedy drama, with Terence Stamp, Gemma Arterton, Vanessa Redgrave and Christopher Eccleston. (2012)

#### Diana, Channel 5, 11.05pm

Fact-based drama following the Princess of Wales in the last two years of her life. Under constant media scrutiny, she finds a new public role for herself as a patron of humanitarian causes, while secretly conducting a passionate affair with a Pakistani heart surgeon. Starring Naomi Watts and Naveen Andrews. (2013)



#### WEDNESDAY

Saved from Sorrow: Mysterious Grace, Channel 5. 3.15pm

A retired police officer, despondent over the deaths of his family, meets a mysterious woman who through her personal stories gives him a reason to rethink what is most important to him. Drama, starring Joev Lawrence, Robin Riker, Muse Watson and Catalina

#### THURSDAY

Alone in the Wild: Deadly Survival, Channel 5.

After a plane crash leaves them stranded in the Canadian wilderness, young siblings Hannah and Zach battle all that nature has to throw at them. Alongside trusty dog Chinook, the duo face bears, wolves and a raging wildfire in their bid to find safety. Family drama, starring Natasha Henstridge. (2013)

Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.25pm A London woman's entire future hinges on a seemingly minor but pivotal moment. Comedy drama, presenting two versions of a character's life, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and John Hannah. (1998)

## Feeling the strain of a life in the media spotlight

blurred the lines between politics and pop culture, the Kennedys were America's obsession.

Kennedys were America's obsession. They have everything that the tabloids and gossip writers could want in a family – politics, extraordinary wealth and copious scandals, which makes it easy to see why people continue to crave as much information about them as they can get their hands on.

Of course, there have been countless movies and TV series made about their lives over the years, including, notably, 2016's biographical film Jackie, which earned Natalie Portman an Oscar nomination for Best Actress.

However, not all depictions of the clan have been as well received.

Back in 2011, TV mini-series The

Kennedys was slammed even before it aired for taking a sensationalist approach to the story of JFK (Greg Kinnear), his wife Jackie (Katie Holmes), brother Robert (Barry Pepper) and patria Joseph (Tom Wilkinson).

ReelzChannel, and some critics even came round – Pepper won an Emmy for his performance.

Tonight, the show's sequel The Kennedys: Decline and Fall is premiered on UK TV.

The drama (which was called The Kennedys – After Camelot in the US) is based on a book by J Randy Taraborrelli and picks up in the wake of Bobby's 1968 assassination and goes all the way through to 1994.

Jackie (again played by Holmes, who also directed part of it) is again in mourning, and sniping breaks out between her and the newly widowed Ethel (Kristin Booth).

Robert's brother Ted (the almost unrecognisable Matthew Perry, complete with fake ears, a fake nose and wavy-haired wig) is seen delivering part of the famous eulogy for Bobby.

Indeed, much of the drama focuses on Ted and revisits the awful death of a young woman

named Mary Jo Kopechne, in 1969.
Ted, then a US Senator for
Massachusetts, had been at a party
with Kopechne and others on the
island of Chappaquiddick, on
Martha's Vineyard.

Kennedy was behind the wheel in his car with Kopechne when he accidentally drove off a bridge into a pond. Ted escaped, but Kopechne stayed trapped inside the car.

His conduct after the incident, reports of his drinking, women-chasing and controversy surrounding Kopechne's death essentially doomed Kennedy's chances of becoming President himself.

Throughout the drama, we see Ted struggling with the pressure to live up to his brothers' legacies and with his own personal inadequacies

The second storvline in Decline The second storyline in Decline and Fall has Jackie questioning her tenuous position within the Kenned; family, while also being wooed by and wedding Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis (Alexander Siddig).

## PICK OF THE WEEK



The Kennedys: Decline and Fall, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

#### May v Corbyn Live: The Battle for Number 10 Channel 4, 8,30pm

A lot has been made about Theresa May's decision not to participate in a live debate with Jeremy Corbyn and the other leaders of the UK's main political parties ahead of next week's General Election, However, the Prime Minister is not in for an easy ride tonight. In this show, broadcast simultaneously on Channel 4 and Sky News, May and Corbyn will both face questions from the audience via Sky News Political Editor Faisal Islam. Then, in between each Q&A segment, both of the leaders will be interviewed by former Newsnight presenter Jeremy Paxman, If you miss tonight's show, May and Corbyn will be seen on our screens again in a BBC Question Time Special, presented by David Dimbleby, on Friday.

#### TUESDAY Grayson Perry: Divided Britain Channel 4, 9pm

You can't beat a Gravson Perry documentary - and that was something nobody thought they would ever hear when he began making programmes for Channel 4. After all, he was a potter, not a film-maker, but he's done the broadcaster proud, devising numerous enthralling shows on a range of

subjects - and this promises to be just as good as its predecessors. In January, he asked viewers to contribute to the making of two pots by asking them their thoughts on Brexit. These were submitted via Twitter, and now we're getting an opportunity to find out how Perry has used them Not that he's been keeping it a secret - his social media followers have been treated to sneak previews over the weeks, but now we'll be seeing them for the first time in all their glory.

#### WEDNESDAY Fargo

Channel 4, 10pm

The Coen brothers couldn't possibly have imagined that their Oscar-nominated drama set in the snowy wastes of Minnesota would go on to spawn three TV series, but thank goodness it has because the small screen version of Fargo has been a real treat. Each run features new stories and characters, and the latest stars Ewan McGregor in the dual role of brothers Ray and Emmit Stussy. The latter is the state's Parking Lot King, a slick, self-made property mogul and family man; Ray, meanwhile is a different kettle of fish altogether. Pot-bellied and

balding, he's a parole officer with a chip on his shoulder about the hand in life he's been dealt and blames his sibling for all his problems. There is no love lost between the brothers, and their rivalry is THURSDAY

Frank Skinner on Muhammad BBC1, 9pm Last year, millions of fans around

the world mourned the passing of Muhammad Ali whose fame and charisma transcended boxing. One of those who grieved him was comedian Frank Skinner, who now gets a chance to pay tribute to his idol

with this documentary. Skinner travels across the UK and the US to visit some of the key locations and people in Ali's life.

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teenager boxer's dedication to his craft, to a bare-knuckle fighter on an Oxfordshire council estate who became one of his dearest friends. Along the known chapters in Ali's story and finds out just why he became an icon of the civil rights movement and arguably the greatest sporting hero of the 20th-century

#### FRIDAY Question Time Leaders' Special

BBC1, 8.30pm With less than a week to go to the General Election, time is running out for the country's politicians to get their points and policies across to the British people. In this programme, which could turn out to be one of the defining moments of the campaign, Theresa May and Jeremy Corbyn will feature on the same prime-time edition of Question Time in York. The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition won't be on screen at the same time, but they will be quizzed by the same audience and David Dimbleby – consecutively. The veteran host will also be in Edinburgh on Sunday, where he will be chairing a second special with Liberal Democrat Tim Farron and the SNP's Nicola Sturgeon.



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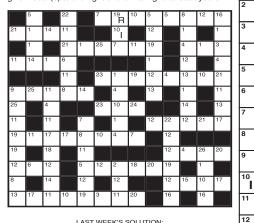
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Of which African country is Brazzaville the

Which Greek letter represents the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its

Which Norwegian composer had the

middle name Hagerup?
With which sport is the English Leander
Club associated?

diameter?

Cryptic Clues:

- 7 Freedom from anxiety shown by some cartographers
- 8. Give the fellow a blend of tea (6)
- 10. I've lost various flowers (7)

  11. Particular positions that will produce spectacles, we hear
- 12. This tide occurs at
- dusk (4) 13. Footwear establishing a record in the Civil Service! (5)
- 17. A steel fastener put back for the creeper
- 18 & 20Dn. Suffer twinges but work with great care (4,5)
- 22. Father put back the top card quickly (5) 23. Came out in spots
- 24. Used by the artist when camping (6)
- 25. Dislodged from a high perch, one hears (6)

Which French author wrote The Human Comedy series of novels? What type of animal is a porcupine? Which poet laureate wrote The Fair

Penitent?
Membership of which body allows MPs to

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**Double Crossword** 

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

- 1. Foresight? (7)
- 2. Everything still outstanding is not banned (7)
- 3. Revolutionary film about the capital of Bulgaria (5)
- 4 So Grace redesigned the bouquet (7)
- 5. See 14 Down 6. Lets a minimum
- change take place (5)
- 9. Needs a pal for a seaside walk (9)
- 14 & 5Dn. Generous celebration for political group (7,5)
- 15. Whaling equipment - an instrument with a ring on (7)
- 16 & 21Dn. Chief illumination for preeminent personage (7,5)
- 19. It's not plain imagination (5)
- 20. See 18 Across 21. See 16 Down

## Last week's solutions:

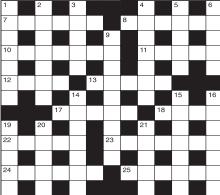
Quiz: 1 Raven; 2 Darwin; 3 Tin;

4 Thistle; 5 Grozny; 6 11 Downing Street;

7 The Brown Bomber; 8 Muslin; 9 Northwest

Passage; 10 Tony award

Niner: TINDERBOX



#### Quick Clues:

- 7. Gateway (6)
- 8. Roar (6)
- 10. To storm (7) 11. Domestic task (5)
- **12.** Too (4)
- 13. Blithe (5)
- 17. Angry (5)
- 18. Measure (4)
- 22. Water lily (5)
- 23. Upshot (7)
- 24. Coincide (6)
- 25. Brandy (6)

- 1. Ascetic (7)
- 2. Assure (7)
- 3. Mortal (5) 4. Quicksilver (7)
- 5. Blossom (5)
- 6. Proprietor (5)
- 9. Desertion (9)
- 14. Off-hand (7) 15. Tell (7)
- 16. Protection (7)
- 19. Remiss (5)
- 20. Expiate (5)

#### 21. Bench (5)

#### 9 5 1

Sudoku

3 7 8 1 9 4 2 3 8 6 2 3 7 8 6 4 5 2 4 1

Fill in the grid above so that every column, LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS > each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stall; 4 Ash pits; 8 Inmates; 9 Tripe; 10 Mite; 11 Relation; 13 Doit; 14 Deal; 16 Gestured; 17 Idle; 20 Sward; 21 Get into; 22 Set free; 23 Great. Down: 1 Seismologists; 24 Admit; 3 Lute; 4 Answer; 5 Hot water; 6 Initial; 7 Stern-foremost; 12 Flounder; 13 Distant; 7 Stern-foremost; 12 Flounder; 13 Distant; 15 Beagle; 18 Dense; 19 Stag. QUICK - Across: 1 Decor; 4 Painter; 8 Flatter; 9 Charm; 10 Ewer; 11 Horseman; 13 Earn; 14 Foul; 16 Transfer; 17 Glee; 20 Agate; 21 Titanic; 22 Erector; 23 Press. Down: 1 Differentiate; 2 Chase; 3 Rota; 4 Parson; 5 Incision; 6 Trammel; 7 Reminiscences; 12 Prospect; 13 Emanate; 15 Letter; 18 Lance; 19 Stop.

#### Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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# Dino diner is a roaring success

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When our daughter arrived on this Earth, the small print said she'd be into dinosaurs.

That's what we were led to believe when she was handed to us at the hospital. Cradling our little girl, my other half hummed the theme tune to Jurassic Park into her ear, in the hope that his lifelong love affair with the Steven Spielberg blockbuster would be passed down to her subconsciously.

However, 15 months on, and Edie has yet to spark

an interest in pre-historic beasts. And her lack of enthusiasm was never more evident as we walked around West Midland Safari Park's excellent Land of the Living Dinosaurs. So, in a last ditch attempt to spark some pre-historic magic, we headed over to the Dino Diner for some lunch because if anything's going to inspire our kid, it's food.

#### TROPICAL

Entering through a giant bone carcass, it has a pre-historic cave-like interior with moody lighting and tropical plants. The only thing missing was the Jurassic Park soundtrack. Or even some T-Rex. Get It On, I say.

Welcomed by a sunny member of staff in safari-style gear, we were shown to a table and invited to order food and drinks at the counter. After a bit of a false start due to a fire alarm and the restaurant being evacuated, we reconvened to decide on our food choices.

The menu makes an amusing read. Carnivores are well-catered for; there's Rex's Lunch – a lamb shank in red wine sauce with mashed potatoes – or a Predator Platter comprising half a chicken, rack of ribs and sides

Herbivores can tuck into the Bronto Balti - a vegan sweet potato balti, while skinniovres (dieters) can opt for the Raptor Salad of piri piri chicken, mixed leaves, sweet potato and quinoa. Litte people have loads of choice too – there's not a Bernard Matthews breaded turkey



dinosaur in sight, as options include sausage, mash

a raft of food including the barbecue pulled pork-

loaded nachos, the raptor salad and volcanic skillet

for the little one on the basis that we fancied trying it

cooked and appealing. The bill came to just over £36.

Most disappointing in terms of value for money was the

too. Our meals arrived promptly and looked freshly-

fajita. Oh, and a diddy dino sweet potato balti with rice

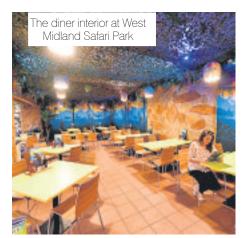
and peas, and pasta bolognese. There's please-all side

orders too, like onion rings and cheesy dough balls. In the interest of giving the menu a fair run we ordered

kid's sweet potato balti which, at £6, came in a meagre portion of brownish mush on top of plain white rice. Edie was as interested in it as she was the dinosaur trail.

She was rather enamoured by the barbecue pulled pork-topped nachos, though. In fact, it proved a hit with us all; we attacked it like a pack of predatory pterodactyl at a buffalo meat buffet.

The fajitas were well presented with a separate skillet of sizzling chicken breast, mixed peppers and onions in a sauce as spiky as a stegosaurus's spine, and a pile of soft tortilla wraps. The raptor salad provided



some much-needed crunch, packed with a few unusual ingredients such as sugar snap peas and slices of sweet red pepper. Two skewers of chicken thigh meat drizzled in a sweet chilli sauce were moist and pleasantly charred and accompanied by red pepper hummus and tortilla wrap. We polished off most of the food despite ordering far too much.

Our little girl might have been unimpressed with the 65- million-year-old dinosaurs but the food was a roaring success.

By Emily Bridgewater

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# Well-presented detached family home on market

This fantastic four-bedroomed detached family home in Lambourne Way, Norton Canes, Cannock, is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £325.000.

The property's accommodation briefly comprises of a generous hallway, a lounge that runs the full depth of the home, having a bay window to the front and French doors opening out to the rear and a focal point fireplace, a dining room with a bay window overlooking the rear garden and double doors opening from the lounge, a study, a substantial kitchen with attractive cream-coloured units and complementary black working surfaces over, splashback floor and wall tiling and ample space for a table and chairs, a utility and a guest WC to the ground

Upstairs there is a gallery-style landing which leads to the four bedrooms with en-suite to the master and the family bathroom with wall tiling and light wood-effect flooring.

Externally the property has a detached double garage with two up-and-over doors and a generous driveway for parking to the front, with a garden to the rear with patio area, lawn and decking.

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   Conservatory & Guest WC



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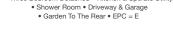
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◆ Ensuite shower room

◆ Three double

bedrooms

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- snug
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- breakfast area
- Four bedrooms Refitted bathroom
- and ensuite shower
- Gas fired central heating

◆ Gas fired central heating

gardens

◆ Two garages

◆ EPC rating D (59)

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  heating

  \$\times \text{Allocated parking}\$
  \$\times \text{Ideal confirsh time buyer or as a}
  buy to let
  \$\times \text{EPC rating B (83)}\$

WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in popular Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

Gas fired central

Fully double glazed

◆ EPC rating D (63)

## 17 RYDAL CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located in Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford and Access to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge ◆ Refitted dining
- kitchen

  Utility room and
- cloakroom
- ◆ Four bedrooms ◆ Refitted ensuite and
- family bathroom
- ♦ Well stocked
- gardens and integral
- ♦ Intruder alarm
  - ◆ EPC rating C (69)

◆ Fully double glazed

Gas fired central

#### TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR POSITION Convenient For Access to Facilities Abathroom A Gardens and off road parking



- · Gas fired central heating
- ## EPC rating F (34) £166,950 FREEHOLD

## Porch and teu--Lounge Lahaped kitchen Fixe double bedrooms Refitted shower room Well stocked gardens € PC rating D (60) € 149,950 FREEHOLD 80 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Commock Park to Rear Cannock Chase and Cannock Park to Rear ♦ Well stocked

- Breakfast kitchen.
- utility room and
- ◆ Double glazed
- conservatory ◆ Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- ◆ EPC rating E (52) £399,950 FREEHOLD

♦ Intruder alarm

◆ Part double glazed

and gas central

heating

£239,950

#### 16 LISSIMORE DRIVE, TIPTON



TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT Located in This Popular Residential Area Convenient

cilities ◆ Communal grounds

parking area

Fully double glazed

◆ Allocated parking in secure

- Entrance lobby and reception hall
  - £80,000
- OnThe/Market



L shaped lounge/

Three bedrooms

dining area

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#### 232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



#### WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSELocated in Popular Residential Area

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

◆ Fully double glazed

EPC rating: tbc

or sharers

◆ Off road parking
◆ Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS

Bathroom

Fitted dining kitchen

Two double bedrooms

- Fully double glazed
   Gardens & off road parking to the rear
   Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

#### THE LODGE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY



44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

14 THE FORGE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

ACIOUS NEWLY RENOVATED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMEN
Located in Gated Development Convenient For Local Facilities And

£525pcm

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

£450pcm

◆ Fully double glazed ◆ Gas central heating

◆ EPC rating: D (67)

Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

rt Links ◆ Electric heating

Allocated parking

Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

Located In Popular Residential Area

◆ Enclosed porch & reception hall ◆ Fully double glazed & gas

Three bedrooms & refitted

Communal hall, stairs &

◆ Entrance lobby

◆ Separate WC

◆ Fully double glazed

EPC rating C (71)

Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS

Entrance hall

Three bedrooms

Bathrooom

- - ◆ For persons aged 50 & over
  - Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- £500pcm

## Communal grounds

#### ◆ EPC rating: C (73) £625pcm 1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS



SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley
Park
Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- ırk ◆ Fully double glazed Oil fired central heating

◆ Communal grounds & parking

- ◆ Two double bedrooms

#### 48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

◆ Fully double glazed ◆ EPC rating: C (71) £695pcm (Plus Service Charge)

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERS Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Ce · Gas central heating

- ◆ Lounge ◆ Breakfast kitche ◆ Ground floor WC
- ◆ Built-on garage
- Predominantly double glazed

Enclosed rear terrace

Sorry no smokers, pets or

◆ Communal grounds & parking

- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets, smo or children
- EPC rating: F (35)

#### 9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW tuated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Are Landscaped gardens

- ◆ Lounge
  ◆ Breakfast kitchen
  ◆ Two double bedroom
  ◆ Bathroom
  ◆ Fully double glazed
  ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Carport & extensive off road

EPC's

- · Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

### ◆ EPC rating: D (64) £800pcm

## NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



- Town Adjo

  Lounge/dining/kitchen area

  Two double bedrooms

  En-suite shower room

  Luxury bathroom

  Gas fired central heating

  Fully double glazed EPC rating: C (79) £695pcm

#### £695pcm 50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES 15 BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK



WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

♦ Lounge

◆ Three bedrooms

Entrance lobby

◆ Two bedrooms

- m/bedroom 4
  chen
  / & guest cloakroom

  Sorry No DSS, smokers or pel
  - tted allowed ◆ EPC rating D (65) £650pcm

6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

Facilities

Built-on garage

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

£525pcm

Fully double glazed

◆ EPC rating: C (79)

Gas central heating
 Allocated secure parking

· Sorry no pets, smokers or DS

◆ Fully double glazed

- Dining kitchen
   UPVC double glazed

- ◆ Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
   Detached garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or
- ◆ EPC rating: D (66) **£695pcm**

## WELL APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

Fully double glazed

· Gas central heating

smokers. DSS or

- Dining kitchen &
- utility room Ground floor shower
- room
- Four double
- bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower
- room & family

#### ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

#### £950pcm

#### 4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD



#### FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE located in Private Cul-De-Sac

- Sorry no pets, DSS or smoker
- Lounge and dining room
   Breakfast kitchen
   Utility room
   Four bedrooms
   Ensuite shower room & fabathroom
- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC Integral garage and gardens
   Gas central heating & fully
  - double glazed Sorry No smokers, pets or DD

#### £875pcm 339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
   UPVC double glazed

- ◆ Gas central heating ◆ Fully double glazed
  - Sorry no DSS, pets or smoke ◆ EPC rating: D (61)
  - £625pcm

#### £600pcm 8 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE
Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station Cloakroom with WC 

Old Young Parking

Gas fired central heating

Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS PEPC rating: B (84)

Fully double glazed



- ♦ Lounge
- Fully double glazed
  Communal parking & grounds

◆ Two double bedrooms

- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS ◆ EPC rating: C (76) £775pcm

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## ◆ EPC rating C (69) **£615pcm** 5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION ated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

Oil fired central heating
 Fully double glazed

Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS



#### VO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT

- - £495pcm
- ◆ Gas central nearing & fully double glazed
   ◆ Security phone intercom & allocated parking
   ◆ No DSS, pets or smokers
   ◆ EPC rating C (79)
  - 3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY



## 1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

Facilities

Fully double glazed

◆ Gas fired central heating

Sorry no pets, smokers or DS









## Fine three-bedroom semi on the market

**CANNOCK** £165,000

Having recently been put on the property market, this charming extended three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Harbell Close, Cannock, is for sale through Paul Carr at £165,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an extended kitchen, a spacious lounge, three bedrooms, a family bathroom, a rear garden and off-road parking for several cars via a full-width block paved driveway

Its lounge has an attractive modern feature fireplace and a window to the front. The dining room has woodeffect flooring and glazed doors opening out to the rear garden which has a lawn and a patio area.

Contact Paul Carr on 01543 686444 or visit www. paulcarrestateagents.co.uk









## Two-bedroom maisonette is ideal home for first-time buyer

**BRIDGTOWN** £101,000



This two-bedroomed maisonette in Union Street. Bridgtown, Cannock, lies within a pleasant area.

It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £101.000.

Road network links are easily accessible to M6 Motorway and Toll Road. Ideally suited for a first-time buyer looking at taking their first steps onto the property ladder, a viewing is advised to see the immaculate and deceptively spacious living accommodation this property has to offer.

It has a ground floor lobby with a staircase, an impressive 20ft lounge diner, a gloss kitchen with integrated oven, hob and cooker hood over, two well-proportioned bedrooms, en-suite shower room and a family bathroom.

It has central heating and double glazing and allocated parking.

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## Spacious dormer bungalow has four double bedrooms

A spacious four-doublebedroomed dormer bungalow in Stafford Road, Lichfield, is for sale through Jayman at offers over £375,000.

With a detached single garage and off-road parking and gardens with a summer house with lighting and heating, viewings are encouraged to appreciate the space available.

With gas central heating and

#### LICHFIELD £375,000

double glazing it has an entrance hall with stairs off, a highly appealing and spacious lounge with cherry wood block flooring, a gas fire with brick surround, a bay window to the front and sliding doors leading out to the rear garden.

There is also a garden room/ conservatory with tiled flooring and a kitchen with a range of base and wall storage cupboards, integrated dishwasher and washing machine, four-ring induction hob. double oven, a bathroom/wet room, two downstairs bedrooms, further bedroom/study and a first floor master bedroom en-suite.

Call 01543 416567.







## **Detached family** home boasts an impressive fitted kitchen

CANNOCK £270.000

This superb detached four-

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bedroomed property in Red Lion Lane. Norton Canes. Cannock, comes with an impressive fully fitted kitchen with granite worktops, a double garage/workshop and a storage yard to the rear.

It is for sale through Goodchilds at £270,000.

A spacious and welldesigned four bedroomed family home, it is set on a generous plot with a rear gated access providing storage for several large vehicles and a detached workshop/garage ideal for any car enthusiasts

To the first floor are four bedrooms, the master having an en-suite bathroom. Outside is a block paved driveway to the front and a generous rear

Call 01543 226 655.



#### **HEATH HAYES**



- A four bedroom detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Family bathroom Good sized rear garden

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£260,000

## CANNOCK



- A spacious three bedroom detact
   Split level lounge/diner
- Kitchen/diner
- Sitting room and conservatory
   Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage and driveway
   Awaiting EPC rating

£249,950

#### HEATH HAYES



- A much improved 3 bedroom house Gas centra heating and double glazing
- ounge, refitted kitchen/dine
- hree bedrooms Refitted modern bathroom
- ront and rear ga
- Garage
  EPC rating C
  £209,995 CANNOCK OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS

## HEATH HAYES



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining room
  Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
   Good sized rear gaarden

Awaiting EPC rating £155,000



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rearOff road parking
- Ideal first time buy

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• Idea nos under EPC rating C £129,995

- A well presented two bedroom house Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, conservatory Kitchen, guest cloakroom
- BathroomRear yard

HEATH HAYES PHEASANT WAY

• Of road persons • EPC rating C £124,995

#### HEDNESFORD



- First floor 1 bedroom apart
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge, Study/Storage
   Garage, Allocated parking
   Good Location
- Intercom Entrance

- Must be Viewed

## • Must be vic... • EPC rating D £112,500 HEDNESFORD SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVE



- A two bedroom bungalow
  Gas central heating and double glazing
  Lounge, kitchen
  Master bedroom with built in wardrobes
  Refitted bathroom

- - £159,950

CANNOCK CLARION WAY

Two bedrooms

Allocated parking

Ideal first time buy

• EPC rating B **£40,000 40% share** 

Bathroom



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, spacious kitvhen/diner Three good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom

- EPC rating D, fees apply
  £650 PCM



- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner Kitchen
- Guest cloakre
- Master bedroom with en suite Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and parking
- EPC rating C £159,000

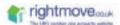


- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Two bed
- EPC rating B, fees apply £695 PCM

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## Link-detached home enjoys open aspect

**WIMBLEBURY** £225,000

A four-bedroomed link-detached house in Knighton Road, Wimblebury, is for sale through Chase Independent at £225,000.

It has an entrance hall, a lounge, dining room, an extended re-fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, a re-fitted bathroom, garage and driveway and front and rear gardens with an open aspect to the side and rear.

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off, the spacious lounge has a bow window to the front and double doors to the dining room, which in turn has patio doors to the garden.

The extended re-fitted kitchen has a range of base and wall mounted units, space for a cooker and fridge freezer, plumbing for a washing machine and dishwasher and a door to the rear garden. Call 01543









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OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD

**GREAT WYRLEY** 

## Well-presented three-bedroom detached home ideal for family

**CANNOCK** £249,950

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An ideal family property, this well presented three-bedroomed detached property in Rumer Hill Road, Cannock, has generous living accommodation throughout.

It is for sale through Flint & Co at £249,950.

Noted in particular is the spacious lounge/diner and spacious master bedroom with built-in wardrobes. This property must be viewed to fully appreciate internally and externally, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

It has a large entrance hallway with stairs off, a quest cloakroom/WC, split level lounge/diner with an Adam's style fireplace housing a living flame fire, a kitchen/ diner with an integrated fridge and freezer, electric hob and oven,a utility room, sitting room, conservatory, three bedrooms and a bathroom, garage, driveway and gardens

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## **HEATH HAYES**

HUNTINGTON



## WIMBLEBURY HAMILTON CLOSE



Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating D

## CANNOCK WATLING STREET



£320 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

**CHESLYN HAY** STATION STREET



HEATH HAYES

#### CANNOCK CANNOCK ROAD



OUR APPLICATION FEE IS £222 Including VAT or £318 Including VAT - DEPENDANT ON CIRCUMSTANCES

## HEATH HAYES CANNOCK ROAD

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**HEATH HAYES** 



**HEATH HAYES** 

HEDNESFORD HILL STREET

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£350 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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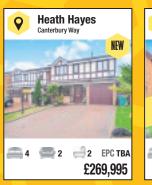












































## Three-bedroom home ideal for young family

**PELSALL** £165,000

In a popular location in Allens Lane, Pelsall, this pleasant three-bedroomed semi-detached property is the ideal home for a young family.

It is for sale through Skitts at £165,000. With gas central heating and majority double glazing, it has a reception hall, a downstairs WC, a dining kitchen, rear lounge, three bedrooms, a bathroom, integral garage and a rear garden.

The front driveway has space for two vehicles, as well as giving access to the integral garage. The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this charming home, and are recommending early viewings.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing to see if this is the ideal next home for you, contact Skitts on 01922 478104 or visit www.skitts.net









## Four-bedroom house with plenty of potential

WALSALL £360,000



In need of upgrading. with immense potential and previous planning permission to extend. this four/five-bedroomed detached property backs on

With its sale giving an outstanding opportunity to create a substantial family home in a sought-after Webbs at offers over £360,000.

A deceptively spacious detached family home, it lies in a cul-de-sac close to all local amenities, in a quiet location and enjoys open views.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a through hallway, a lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, a rear lobby, a guest WC, ground floor bedroom/ sitting room, four bedrooms, a shower room and a generous bathroom. Externally there are generous gardens and a gated driveway providing ample off-road parking. Call 01922

## K. Stuart Swash

## **AUCTION - 20TH JUNE 2017**



#### 9 HOPSTONE GARDENS, PENN.

Quiet cul de sac location. Extended and spacious accommodation, CH., DG., Hall, Cloakroom, 24ft. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Pantry, fitted Cloaks, Utility, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, lovely Rear Garden open outlook beyond. EPC: D.57

Guide: £230,000 - £235,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th MAY 10.30 a.m.



#### 13 PEACOCK AVENUE, WEDNESFIELD

Well located for schooling and amenities. Spacious Semi, Double Glazing

Porch, Two Reception, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, attractive Gardens, EPC: E.52

Guide: £85,000 - £95,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th MAY @ 11.30 a.m.



#### **36C RICHES STREET,** WOLVERHAMPTON

Spacious, Two Reception, Three Bed Semi with Two Bedroomed Garden Annexe and large Outbuilding, double gated entrance driveway. EPC; TBA

Guide: £115,000 - £120,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th MAY @ 10.30 a.m.

9 & 9A CROSS STREET,

Guide: £128.000 - £135,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 26th MAY & WEDNESDAY 31st MAY @ 11.00 a.m.



#### 63 PARK ROAD EAST, WOLVERHAMPTON

Ripe for refurbishment, Excellent corner position. Outlook to West Park

Two Reception, Three Beds, Garage Space. EPC: TBA

Guide: £69,000 - £74,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th MAY@ 9.30 a.m.



#### 21 CANTERBURY ROAD, PENN

Within an established residential area. Entrance drive, Porch, Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Pantry, g/f WC, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, WC, Garage, Rear Terrace, Garden approx. 120ft in depth. EPC: D.56

> Guide: £165,000 - £175,000 VIEWING:

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th & 27th MAY @ 11.30 a.m.



#### PLEASE NOTE:

Viewing of all Lots at own risk. Viewings are at the times specified so, should you arrive late, you may find your viewing time is limited or that we have moved on in order to maintain the time schedule.



### PADDOCK OF FREEHOLD LAND

COVEN ROAD, BREWOOD

Well located enclosed Paddock est. 0.5 acre approx. with Planning Permission for erection of Stable Block. Mains Services available.

Guide: £49,000 - £54,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY 26th MAY & WEDNESDAY 31st MAY @ 2.00 p.m.



## **PROPERTY**







## 'Unique' family home has four double bedrooms

home in St Johns Close in the picturesque village of Slitting Mill, comes with four double bedrooms and three bathrooms.

Also with two reception rooms, entrance hall, a family room/study, a lounge and a superb living kitchen and uninterrupted views to the rear, it is for sale through JR Properties at

#### **SLITTING MILL** £399,950

In more detail, the entrance hall has tiled flooring and stairs off. There is a downstairs bathroom and the family room/study has double doors to the family breakfast kitchen.

This is fitted with a comprehensive

units with wooden work surfaces over, cooker space with am extractor hood over, space with plumbing for a dishwasher, a washing machine and further appliance space. There is also underfloor heating to the extension side of the kitchen and tiled flooring and French doors to the

Contact 01889 577731.





## Bungalow in a sought-after spot has plenty of living space

CANNOCK £360.000

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This stunning detached bungalow in Newlands Lane lies in one of Cannock's most sought-after roads, only a short walk from Heath Hayes High Street.

It is for sale through butters john bee at £360,000. The bungalow has deceptively spacious accommodation that in brief consists of an enclosed porch, entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, kitchen, utility, dining room, utility, two conservatories, three bedrooms and a family

Outside the property has landscaped front and rear gardens, a large driveway and a large external store room.

The bungalow occupies an enviable plot. Call 01902 710888 or visit ww buttersiohnbee.com

## Connells

## CANNOCK



property located in Bridgtown. The property comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen

#### Keats Avenue, Cannock

£349.950

£365.000



kitchen / breakfast area, rear hall, work room / storage, inner hall, downstairs bathroom,

#### Marigold Close, Heath Haves



property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs

WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite,

bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited

Stafford Road, Great Wyrley



earning with character and beautiful views to the rear situated in the of dreat Whyler pear to schools, trapport liste, pulse and local amenit liefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, downstairs WC with wash hand ge, dining room with double doors into modern fitted kitchen, conservator all of a good Size with the master bedroom benefiting from having a raite and windows that open completely ont on to a superhel elevated com with an impressive power shower. WC and wash hand basin. To it

#### Mosswood Street, Cannock



property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, pantry cuphoard, downstairs bathroom, boiler/utility room, three bedrooms and externally to the front a driveway providing off road parking, shared access to the side

#### Francis Close, Penkridge



lounge, kitchen / diner, downstairs shower room, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom

#### Mount Street, Hednesford



ells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three plot bungalow located in Hednesford with walking distance to primary and secondary schools, large variety of shops within the local town and transport links including Hednesford train station. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, summer house housing hot tub and garage. Energy rating: C.



lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, five bedrooms with two bedrooms having en-suite

bathroom and shower room. Energy rating: C.



conversion located in Rugeley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstain

dressing area, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C

01543 500 923 cannock@connells.co.uk 10-12 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 1AH





## **Detached property is** located in popular area

WOLVERHAMPTON £210,000

A three-bedroomed detached house in a popular residential area in Ainsworth Road, Wolverhampton, is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at

Having off-road parking and a garage, to the ground floor there is a large lounge, a dining kitchen and a conservatory overlooking the garden.

To the first floor there are three good-sized bedrooms

It also has double glazing, central heating, an enclosed rear garden with a patio area.

The selling agents are expecting a lot of interest to be shown in the sale of this home, and viewing is highly recommended.

Contact DB Roberts & Partners on 01902 427257.









## Well-presented detached family home is situated on a corner plot

**BLOXWICH** £230,000



Being beautifully presented, this detached family home in Astbury Close, Bloxwich, lies on a corner plot in the popular Turnberry elopment.

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• Deceptively Spacious

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Kitchen/ Diner

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• Kitchen/Diner

Refitted Kichen/Diner

3 Bedrooms

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- Lounge
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- Bathroom
- Garage.

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#### SANKEY ROAD





- Semi Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory

- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

#### CANNOCK

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HEATH HAYES

- 3 Bed Town House
- Popular Location
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Diner

- Kitchen/Diner

Driveway

#### CANNOCK

VICTORIA STREET



- Town Centre Location
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Parking

#### CANNOCK

PYE GREEN ROAD



- Traditional Property
- Lounge/Diner Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Bedrooms

- Bathroom
- Parking
- Rear Garden





- Deceptively Spacious Kitchen
- Through Hall Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms Lounge, Dining Room • Generous Garden

#### CANNOCK



- 3 Bed Semi Lounge
- Garage • Rear Garden • Driveway
  - Kitchen
  - Shower Room Integral Garage

HEATH HAYES HOBBY WAY



- Ground Floor
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Overlooking
- Nature Reserve • 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom Allocated Parking

#### CHESLYN HAY

STREETS LANE







- Through Hallway,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Kitchen, Utility Room,
- Shower Room
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- Landscaped Garden
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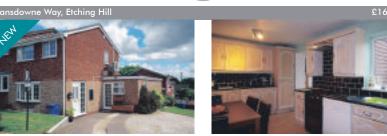


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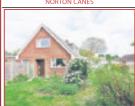
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Rembrandt Close



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Albert Street



hroom / Spacious lounge and double bedroom /

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Hednesford Road



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Violet Close



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    GCH & DG

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- •Family Lounge, Generous Conservatory

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- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
   Reception Hall & Family Lounge
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- An extremely well presented three bedrooms semi deteched house En-Suite & Family Bathroom electronce Hall, Fitted Kitchen Spacious Lounge/ Diner Gardens

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Two Double Bedrooms

Bathroom
Belightful Rear Garden
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● A Modern Well Presented Three Bedroom ● Three Bedrooms Detached House ●Entrance House, Spacious Family Lounge

Fitted Kitchen Diner, Guest WC

- ●En-Suite & Family Bathroom
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£145.000

- MOSS GREEN, RUGELEY

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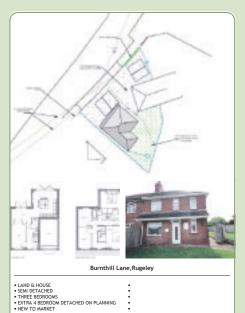


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# New Mazda CX-5 available in June

**By James Parker** 

SUV customers looking for new levels of style, refinement and driving pleasure are now able to pre-order the all-new Mazda CX-5 Available from June 30, the Mazda CX-5 compact SUV starts from just £23,695 on the road.

A product of Mazda's 'Jinba Ittai' – 'car-and-driver as one' – philosophy, the sharply-styled all-new Mazda CX-5 delivers new levels of driver engagement and comfort for drivers in Shrewsbury.

Noise and vibration within the cabin have been reduced, while steering, suspension and brakes have also been refined, helping deliver an engaging and comfortable driving experience.

#### Equipment

The 10-model UK line-up features SE-L Nav and Sport Nav trim levels, and standard equipment includes LED headlights, auto power-folding door mirrors, dual-zone climate control, DAB radio and a seven-inch colour touchscreen display with Mazda's integrated navigation.

At the top of the range, Sport Nav models are fitted with a power liftgate, plus a new head-up display (HUD) that projects directly onto the windscreen (one of the first in its class to do so)

and features Traffic Sign Recognition. Further features on the Sport Nav include a reversing camera, eight-way power adjustable driver's seat. Smart keyless entry, heated front leather seats and heated steering wheel.

Other highlights include two new optional paint colours: Soul Red Crystal Metallic and Machine Grey Metallic.

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Power comes from a range of
SKYACTIV engines, available with
Mazda's SKYACTIV-MT six-speed
manual or SKYACTIV-Drive six-speed
automatic transmissions. Mazda's
intelligent i-ACTIV all-wheel drive
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A ford spokesman said: said: "The previous-generation Mazda CX-5 proved very popular across Shropshire and we're certain the all-new model will build on that success."

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# Subtle, contemporary styling added to its core values of pace and elegance

By John Griffiths

It has space and comfort in abundance combined with a a raft of the latest technology – plus a powerful but efficient engine.

Add to that sublime ride comfort and you can see why

the latest Mercedes-Benz E-Class has driven off with so many awards, including the UK's Car of the Year, Company Car of the Year and Best Executive Car awards It won praise from the Car of the Year jury as one of the safest and most advanced cars in its category.

The test car was the E350 estate, powered by a six cylinder, 3.0 litre turbo diesel engine, in sporty AMG Line

trim with a list price of just over £48,000.
It combines that essential Mercedes ambience of calm and luxury, but with the AMG styling adding subtle contemporary features such as carbon fibre and brushed aluminium to complement the aircraft-like instrument panel. It includes one of the largest, clearest info/control colour screens in the business.

It's particularly attractive at night, when the subtle blue mood lighting illuminates the driver and passenger positions without impacting on your night vision.

This, together with the car's plush leather seats and cossetting ride, it creates an impressive blend of classic

luxury with advanced safety technology and driver aids. The attention to detail is equally impressive, like the large split screen reversing camera which gives wide, clear views even at night. Or the blind spot monitoring – a red triangle appears in the wing mirror as another vehicle enters the blind spot, but only if you operate the indicator at that moment, signalling to pull out, do you get an audible alarm as well.

The parking brake automatically releases as soon as you press the starter button, while one finger on the column lever is enough to selection forward or reverse (or 'park' when you stop). There are up/down 'paddles. too, but the transmission is so smooth and responsive I only felt the need to use them to downchange for extra engine braking on steep inclines

These are two of the 'little' things which add up to a lot. There are more complex driver aids too, such as speed limiter, adaptive cruise control and a system which recognises road signs and automatically limits your speed to the posted limit.

Such things are important – if you want to avoid points

and a big fine - in a car which almost conceals its

powerful nature, so easy and smooth is its progress. The three-litre diesel sends 258PS and a whopping 620Nm of torque to the rear wheels, enough to propel it to 62mph in six seconds.

With a nine-speed automatic transmission it operates on a narrow rev range (unless you hit 'kick down' for an overtake) of between 1,400 and 1,600 revs so actual changes are impercitible. That helps keeps noise level to a minimum, of course, but it's also on the cusp of peak torque so the big estate is ready to surge forward instantly when necessary.

But perhaps waft would be a better word: you will be pressed back in your seat by determined acceleration but in normal driving the car belies its size with easily accessible, almost lazy power.

#### Stable

Suspension settings are adjustable from comfort to dynamic, but for such a big car it feels stable through the twisty bits at any sensible speed and it simply glides along motorways.

And it is a big car: It seats five in comfort with up to 1.820 litres of cargo space thanks to split/fold real seats. Head and elbow room in the rear are best in class, despite the lower roofline which gives the estate a sleeker, sportier appearance and has, no doubt, improved the car's aerodynamic efficiency, bringing benefits in noise levels and fuel efficiency

The official fuel average is 48.7mpg, which I came almost surprisingly close to matching in real world driving The CO2 rating is a competitive 151g/km.

The most popular E-Class Estates, though, are likely to be the E200 and E220d. The first costs under £40,000 in the same AMG Line trim and is a model of efficiency for the company car driver – 67.3mpg and 109g/km of CO2, The E220 costs £41,000 and boasts the same economy

figures.

Coming soon will be the performance option, with the full AMG treatment - a 3.0 litre V6 bi-turbo turning out

All E-Class cars and estates are comprehensively equipped, and offer the space and technology which makes them a serious rival for upmarket SUVs. The new versions bring subtle, contemporary styling to add to the core Mercedes values of pace and elegance.



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MINI has stolen a march on many of its compact SUV rivals with a new accessory – a roof-mounted, pop-up

The £2,400 sleeping area can be easily clipped on to the MINI Countryman's roof rails like a normal luggagebox – but release two clips and it pops up using gas pressure springs into a tent ready to accommodate two adults.

It comes with a fold-up aluminium ladder for easier access, plus a mattress, two zip-opening windows and doors and

a close mess mosquito net. The Airtop tent was designed by MINI in conjunction with Autohome, the Italian roof tent specialists, to clip on to the MINI

Countryman's standard roof rails for owners who want to get out into the wild or fancy a weekend at a music festival.

Unlike some SUV rivals all versions of the Countryman, which was revamped this spring and had a new performance flagship added to the family, can be bought with four wheel drive (an extra £1,600 over the base price).

Prices for the entry level model start at £22,465. The new perrformance flagship is the four wheel drive John Cooper Works model, costing from £30,875 and powered by a 2.0 litre petrol engine, capable of tackling the 0 to 62mph dash in just 6.5 seconds. Top speed (if you find yourself on an autobahn) is 145mph

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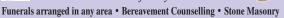
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He was loved and will be missed by Children Jason and Joanne, Grandchildren Charlotte, Kyle and Olivia and Partner Janet and Children Nick and Sam and Families.

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Mandy Jane

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Josephine Mary
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#### Samantha Elizabeth

Of Hednesford.

Passed away suddenly aged 36 years.

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Funeral Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium on Tuesday, May 30, at 10.30am.

Sam's Friends are welcome to attend the Service.

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#### in memoriam

ROBINS

Elsie May

Nine Years

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Love, Patricia, Glen, Ian, Neil, Esther, Aimee, Emily, Ben, Adam and Michelle.

#### acknowledgements

#### LANE

#### Eric Thomas

Wife Muriel and Family would like to thank all Family and Friends for their kind messages of sympathy at this sad time.

A special thank you to every-one who attended Eric's Funeral at Bushbury Crematorium.

A total of £500 in donations was raised for St. Giles Hospice, Whittington.

#### WILLIAMS

Sadly passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, aged 76 years.

Roger was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, June 2, 2017, at Stafford Crematorium at 10.30am.

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Robert and Julie would like to thank Family and Friends who attended Eileen's Funeral, also the numerous sympathy cards received and donations to M.A.S.E. (Monthly Alzheimers Support Evenings).

Also a hugh thank you and appreciation for the tender care given by Tailored Care Ltd.

#### WHITEWOOD

Vera

12/7/1920 - 15/4/2017

The Family would like to sincerely thank Carers, Friends and Neighbours for their support at this sad time.

Special thanks should go to all the Staff on Ward 7, Manor Hospital, Walsall, for the excellent care Vera received during the last days of her life.

The Reverend Denis Sunley's words were of great comfort.

John Short and Son and the
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Refreshments provided by Anne's Catering of Norton Canes were superb.

Special thanks must go to all Vera's Carers at Mears Group for the excellent care they gave to Vera for nearly eight years. Finally we would like to thank Tracy Lote for the kind words read at the Service, Bernadette Rawlings for the lovely tribute she made and Christine Boston for all the love, help and support.

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Lynn

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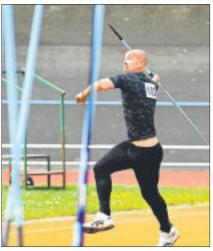
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Steve Hollis, Tamworth, competes in the men's javelin



Long jumper Isabelle Kelly, aged 15, for Cannock & Stafford

## **Records tumble** as championship returns to city

**RECORDS** were shattered as more than 300 athletes descended on Wolverhampton for the Staffordshire County Track and Field Champion-

For the first time in almost 30

For the first time in almost 30 years, Aldersley Stadium played host to an event which sees the region's best go head-to-head.

Host club Wolverhampton & Bilston watched three of its junior stars set new records en route to victory – in the year the club celebrates its 50th birthday. Jolyon Davies, in the under-13 high jump, Molly Walsh, in the junior women's hammer (4kg) and Phoebe Baggott in the under-15 girls hammer (3kg) all went higher and further than any athletes in those category before.

Club president Mary Harding said:
"It has not been held here for many years and usually would be held at

to has not been held here for many years and usually would be held at Stoke or Cannock, so to welcome it back in our 50th year was very special.
"It was wonderful to be able to bring it back. There were many great perfor-

mances."
Davies, who also took victory in the u-13 shot competition, achieved a height of 1.51m in the high jump, which set a new record in the category. Walsh meanwhile set a new record in junior women's hammer with a distance of 53.15m, while Baggott threw 56.43m in the u-15s girls' hammer.

## **SPORTING FEATURE**

"To welcome it back in our 50th year was very special. It was wonderful. There were many great performances.'

A busy day of action featured athletes from clubs including Tipton Harriers, Stone Master Marathoners, Cannock & Stafford and Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers.

Stourbridge Harriers.
Tipton enjoyed early success thanks to Alexia Bennett-Cordy, who won the u-15 75m hurdles in 11.7 seconds.
Cannock & Stafford's Amy Pye showed her versatility with victory in both the u-17 80m hurdles and 300m, before club-mates Chloe Wilde and Natalia Airge won the women's invier.

before club-mates Chloe Wilde and Natalie Ainge won the women's junior and senior 400m races respectively, Wilde with a new championship record time of 64.8 seconds.

Travis Christie gave the home club something to celebrate, coming home ahead of the field in the men's senior 400m, while Cannock's strong afternoon continued with a one-two in the men's u-17 800m final as Joshua Ward led home team-mate Bill Chesters.

Wolverhampton & Bilston took the top three positions in the u-15 girls

top three positions in the u-15 girls 800m with Aliya Westwood finishing

in front of Lucy Semple and Jessica Moore and then proceeded to dominate the 1500m races at u-15 level, with Alfie Oliver winning the men's and Ella Semple the girls.

The sprints saw Cannock & Stafford's Chloe Lindop lead home the field in the junior women's 100m, while Derrion Thompson won the senior race – she also won the senior 200m event.

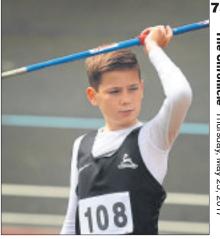
Wolverhampton & Bilston's Alexan-Woivernampton & Bilston's Alexander James Nwenwo ran 11.4 seconds to win the men's senior 100m. Clubmate Donovan James took the 200m race in 23.1 seconds.

A distance of 5.24m was enough for Wolvernampton & Bilston's Sophie Worrall to win the women's senior

long jump. Cannock & Stafford athletes im-

ressed in the javelin, with Rebecca Scott taking victory in the senior event and Bethan Rees the junior. Emma Douras of Dudley & Stourbridge won the senior high jump competition.

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Birchfield Harriers' Archie England in the u-13s javelin



Alexia Bennett-Cordy, for Tipton, in the 80m hurdles

## Rutter roars home to show true quality

BRIERLY Hill race Michael Rutter rolled back the years, demonstrating why he remains one of the world's greatest road racers by securing his 14th North West 200 win.

The victory moved Rutter, at the age of 45, to third on the all-time winners list at the famous North Irish triangular circuit, sandwiched between late, greats Joey Dunlop and his brother Robert.

He started the week in superb form, taking pole for the two Superbike races on Saturday – lapping the course at 122.345mph, his fastest ever around the 8.9-mile circuit – and was second on the grid for the opening Superstock and Supertwin races on the Thursday.

The Bathams/SMT Racing BMW rider would also eventually go on to secure two stunning second-place finishes and a third, which, added to his win, meant he had been on the podium in four out of his six races.

The results meant Rutter moved up to an astonishing 31 podiums, which has only been bettered by Alastair Seeley.

Rutter now heads to Donington Park for round four of the National Superstock 1000 Championship, this weekend, May 27-28, before making the trip across the Irish Sea for the Isle of Man TT races.

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## **Service in memory of** rugby club stalwart

A SERVICE of thanksgiving will be held next week for Stourbridge rugby stalwart John Jeavons-Fellows following his death at the age of 78.

Described as a 'leading light' in the Lions for the past 60 years, the popular official passed away peacefully in his sleep last Tuesday.

A former pupil of King Edward Grammar School, Jeavons-Fellows began playing for Stour's first team aged 18. At 19 he organised the club's first ever tour and was later appointed captain. After hanging up his boots, Jeavons-Fellows continued to work to improve the club.

He masterminded various stages of Stourbridge's development and helped provide the clubhouse that is currently in place at Bridgnorth Road. He was also keen for Stour to have a profile in the national game with his work ensuring Stourbridge became the training venue for England's Grand Slam winning team of 1980.

He also enjoyed roles as a rugby administrator with Worcestershire & Herefordshire and The North Midlands RFU. In 1997 he was also part of the British Lions management team for their tour to South Africa.

The service takes place at St Mary's. Old Swinford, at 2pm on June 2, and afterwards at Stourbridge Rugby Club.

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## Aces rally round for hospice fundraiser

fundraising later this year.

The charity night in aid of Compton Hospice will see 16 riders competing

The charity night in and of compton rospice will see 10 riders competing in five heats each in a handicap formula. The big night will be under the floodlights on Friday, September 15 at the club's Ashmore Park venue, hosted by Signal 107DJ Scott Lyons who will call the riders home. Each participant is expected to raise £50 and there will be a collection bucket and a raffle on the evening. Everyone taking part will take home an award and the overall winner will take home the Steph Clarke Challenge Shiald

Shield.

Mrs Clarke died in November 2016 at the same time as Wednesfield was enjoying its new Christmas lights – she had been the driving force behind its fundraising. She had been involved in several community projects including the Aces, Hands on Wednesfield and volunteered at the Ashmore Community Centre as well as running photography classes and working full-time as a social media trainer. Steph and her husband James founded the community website well to solve the community website wv11.co.uk







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## Hawks left frustrated by weather

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C&R Hawks were frustrated by the weekend weather as their Birmingham League clash against Sutton Coldfield was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

There was play at Pillaton, however, but it was not good news for Penkridge as they went down by 38 runs against Coventry & NW in Division Two.

Coventry & Nw in Division 1 Wo.
The visitors reached 178-9 in 33 overs
before restricting Penkridge to 139-7
in their allocation. Maduranga Zoysa
top scored with 61 for Coventry & NW
before Penkridge were undone by Greg
Ricketts (3-14) and Manbir Johal (3-37).

Rucketts (3-14) and Manbir Johal (3-37). Elsewhere, a knock of 56 from skipper James Middleton was in vain as Walsall went down by 36 runs to Kenilworth Wardens under the Duckworth/Lewis method in Premier Division.

method in Fremier Division.

Prekant Mankad (68) and Nick Seager (62) helped Wardens to 185-3 in 34 overs, leaving the Gorway outfit chasing 162 to win in 30 overs. They were dismissed for 125 with left-arm spinner Matt Hancock picking up 4-18.

#### Revised

Ed Foster was the all-round hero for Shrewsbury in a 23-run victory over West Bromwich Dartmouth at Sandwell West Fromwert Dartinoun at Sandwert Park. Foster scored 40 in the visitors' 164-7 in a rain-affected match reduced to 35 overs per side. Chasing a revised target of 169 under Duckworth/Lewis, Foster claimed 3-20 and Henry Blofield 4-17 as Dartmouth were all out for 141.

Wolverhampton and Dorridge was abandoned without a ball being bowled. Fordhouses (140-9) maintained their

100 per cent start in Division Two with a one-wicket victory over Harborne (136-9). Old Elizabethans (208-7) beat Wom-

Old Elizabethans (208-7) beat Wom-bourne (149) by 59 runs.
 Needing 137 after a re-calculation in reply to Lichfield's 138, Stourbridge scored 136-7 to tie the game and stay top of Division Three.

## **Dundas takes reins** at Scholars after Stringer's departure

CHASETOWN have appointed former Norton United, Witton Albion and Al-sager Town manager Scott Dundas as their new boss. He replaces Dave Stringer, who stepped down last week for family rea-

Dundas made his name in manage Dundas made his name in management guiding Stoke-on-Trent-based Norton United to two promotions in three years along with an appearance in the first round of the FA Cup. The club folded in 2015 and Dundas went on to

folded in 2015 and Dundas went on to have short spells as manager at Witton Albion and Alsager Town. Last season in his first year at New-castle Town he managed Newcastle to seventh place in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Division One South, ending the season just four points off the play off places. play off places

play off places. A statement on The Scholars website reads: "Scott has a strong track record and his ambitions match that of the club in building a squad to compete for promotion in the coming season."

## Tooth to put smiles on fans' faces



New boss Neil Tooth

BOSS Neil Tooth is determined to bring stability to Hednesford Town after a turbulent couple of seasons for the Keys Park club.

The former Sutton Coldfield Town chief took charge of the Pitmen following Gary Birch's departure.

He is the seventh man to be in the hotseat in less than two years

During that time, Hednesford were relegated from National League North and then, despite initial signs of prom-ise, failed to live up to expectation in the

Evo-Stik Premier and finished 15th of

Tooth, along with assistant Phil Male and first team coaches Andy Ling and Kris Taylor, is determined to put smiles back on the faces of fans who have been left disenchanted.

"That was one of the main things about coming here, bringing stability," he said. "We know what the division is about and we know we can bring the feel-good times back to the club."

The Pitmen have frozen their season

ticket prices for the 2017/18 season and Tooth says he knows to bring back those fans who may have lost interest. A great team spirit is needed which, hopefully, can translate to results, he adds.

"It's not an easy league to get out of, that's for sure, but Hednesford should be up there and challenging," he said.

"I am confident I can come here and bring stability. I've done my apprentice-ship, if you like, in this league with Sut-ton Coldfield and I am really grateful for the opportunity at this great club."

## Shortened game win for Cannock

Cannock 1st XI vs Rugeley 1st XI
IT was far from ideal cricketing weather at Chase Park on Saturday as rain forced a shortened match.

A 30 overs a side game eventually

started at 4pm.
Will Fleet won the toss and the home will riest will the toss and the home side fielded first. Despite seeming to be good conditions for pace bowling, it was the spinners who took most of the wickets for Cannock.

Matt Cottrell took 5-38 and Matt Robinson chipped in with 3-21 as the visitors were bowled out for 120.

Muhammad Sultan brought Rugeley

back into it as he took the first five wick ets, reducing the hosts to 58-5 from 20

An excellent partnership between James Caswell and James Banks rebuilt the run chase before Banks went for 24.

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Needing five runs to win from the final
over, Caswell finished on 33 not out to
help his side to a four-wicket victory.
Aldridge Sunday 1st XI
vs Cannock Sunday B

A bowler-friendly pitch greeted Cannock at Aldridge on Sunday. Captain John Cookelost the toss and the visitors were asked to bat first.

asked to bat first.
After being reduced to 43-3, Nick Trebilcock and Dan Wood put together a steady partnership of 60. Trebilcock top scored with 52 and Wood made 31 but Cannock were dismissed for 129.
Early wickets were the key for a Cannock revival and John Cooke provided them with 2-7 from his eight overs. It was then time for Dan Wood to back up his solid innings from earlier in the day as he was introduced into the attack. He quickly made an impact as his left

as he was introduced into the attack.

He quickly made an impact as his left arm wrist spin proved too much for the home side to handle. He eventually finished with 5-24 from his match-winning spell of eight overs.

It was left to 16 year old Sam Easton to take the final wicket as Aldridge were

bowled out for 86, giving Cannock a brilliant victory by 43 runs.

## **Club seeks players** ahead of new season

A FOOTBALL club playing for the first time in the Midland Junior Premier League next season is looking for new

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# NON-LEAGUE SHAKE-UP B

clubs are set to switch divi-sions as part of the biggest shake-up of non-league football for more than a decade.

The changes, set to be rubber-stamped by the FA, would see clubs including Hednesford Town, Rushall Olympic, Stourbridge and Halesowen Town – who all currently play in the Evo-Stik Northern League at step three of the non-league pyramid – incorporated into a new 'Midland Division' from the

into a new 'Midland Division' from the start of the 2018/19 campaign.

Chasetown, who play a division below in the Evo-Stik Division One South, would also be affected, along with a host of clubs who currently ply their trade in the step five Midland Premier League, with more promotion places expected to be on offer next term in order to prepare for the most drastic realignment of the non-league game since the introduction of Conference North and South in 2004.

#### Feeder

The current structure sees three divisions operate at step three – the Northern League, Southern League and London-based Isthmian League - each with two feeder divisions at the

step below.
Under the changes, a fourth division will now be introduced at step three. Though it will operate under the jurisdiction of the Southern League, it is expected to incorporate clubs in the 'Greater Midlands' area.
A further division will also be added at step four, under the control of Isthmian League with the proposals aimed at cutting travelling costs and times for fans, players and officials and encourage more step five clubs to climb the pyramid. Midlands clubs currently constitute the North-

Midlands clubs currently constitute the North-ern League's most southern outposts and are almost certain to switch en masse to the new division. The proposals will also see the number of clubs in step three divisions cut from 24 to 22 teams, while the seven divisions in step four will carry 20 teams each once the changes have been introduced. By far the biggest impact will see a

## School on the ball to net double



The successful Year 10 football team from Wolgarston School

A PENKRIDGE school was on the ball for

Wolgarston's team Year 10 clinched their second trophy of the season, lifting the Stafford

second trophy of the season, mining the Stanford
& District Cup.
The squad, of Sam Edmunds, Sam Arthrell,
Alex Wingfield, Alex Marsh, Alex Hallchurch,
Andrew Archer, Ethan Woodman, James
Black, Morgan Manley, Ben Wall, Dan Lyons,
Cameron Jackson, Joel Price, Max Perry, Reuben Powney and Harry Bickford, beat Alleynes
School 6.9 is the fast. School 6-2 in the final

drastic effect in the number of clubs being promoted or relegated next season to prepare for the revised structure

Only one team will drop from each of the exist-ing step three divisions, while a total of 19 clubs will be promoted from step four.

The increased number of promotions will also extend to step five, with a total of 26 promotion places set to be on offer across several divisions,

It completed the double haul of silverware after victory in the Staffordshire County Cup two weeks earlier. They won on penalties against Repton School.

Matt Skinner, team coach and PE teacher at the Cannock Road school, said: "The lads have had a fantastic season which has included only one loss which was in the English Schools Cup. "Our students have demonstrated outstanding commitment and footballing ability throughout the season and we look forward to building on the success next year." he said.

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including the Midland Premier League, which currently houses the likes of Sporting Khalsa, Lye Town and AFC Wulfrunians, among others. The changes, which have been approved by each league, will now officially be given the green light at the FA's AGM at Wembley today (Thursday) with the force detail of how they will deal with the force of the control day), with the finer detail of how the new division's will be incorporated set to be thrashed out later in the summer.





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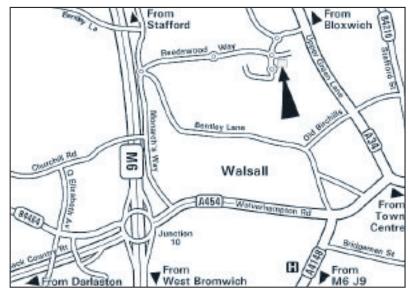
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